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Sixteen Japanese Dead Identified To-day

PACIFIC PACT PROSPECTS

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WILLINGNESS HELD DOUBTFUL

London, To-day.

"Here, not less than in Australia, it will be heartily welcomed, and might be the means to a larger appeasement," states the "Daily Telegraph" to-day in a leading article on the proposed conference of Pacific Powers.

"But a Pacific Pact in the near future is very far from assured," the journal continues.

"The United States would be an indispensable partner in such an agreement, and friendly American opinion considers it beyond reach at present.

"Whether the United States would soon be prepared to undertake obligations to act against an aggressor and become involved in the Australian scheme, other countries can hardly speculate.

"There has been gratifying proof of American sympathy with the spirit of the opening speeches at the Imperial Conference, the insistance on unity of Empire and the determination of the nations therein to use its strength for the peace of the world.

PRINCIPLE OF CO-OPERATION

"The principle of co-operation of free peoples, on which the Empire has been built up, will assuredly not be limited by them.

"Their main object in foreign policy must be peace, and that demands strenuous and consistent effort to co-operate economically and politically with the goodwill of all nations," the article concludes.—Reuter.

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LAUNCH DISASTER INVESTIGATION

Late this afternoon, the number of persons still missing in the O.S.K. launch disaster was officially stated to be at least twelve, though this figure may prove to be greater when it has been possible to make a thorough check between identified victims and the Rio de Janeiro's passenger list.

One or two of the more gravely injured of those in hospital, one of whom succumbed this morning, have yet to be identified.

Of the missing victims, few are expected to be seen again as many of them were literally blown to pieces by the explosion.

Mr. John Murphy, who is investigating the tragedy, told the "China Mail" that the police were virtually satisfied that the disaster was caused by a boiler explosion, although there can be no real certainty until it has been examined. Marine experts have pointed out that boiler explosions can take many forms and that the nature of the disaster was entirely consistent with a boiler explosion.

It is understood that what is believed to be the safety valve of the launch's boiler was picked up among the debris found on shore by the police and this seems to be confirmatory of the boiler explosion theory.

DISTRESSING SCENES

Distressing scenes were witnessed at the O.S.K. offices when relatives of possible victims, including those of the missing Chinese crew, assembled and went to the Victoria Mortuary to attempt to identify the remains.

The following were definitely identified as among the dead, this afternoon:

Kenroku Ikeda, first class passenger.
Teruichi Sumida,
Fumio Kanishima,
Keiichi Matsuo,
Hiroshi Nakatani,
Tadashi Abe,
Hideyoshi Oura,
Yokichi Kikochi,
Keitano Sugimoto,
Kehei Nakano,
Mitsugu Kato,
Hideo Ishiguro,
Tatsutaro Nagano,
Yutaka Saeki,
K. Takaku,
Noboru Teramatsu, all third-class passengers.

A Chinese victim remains unidentified. He was not a member of the crew.

In hospital are: Messrs. K. Takahashi, T. Morikawa, E. Ishiwara, Y. Nakakane, C. Yonamine, H. Tamashiro, T. Suzuki, K. Ito, S. Iida, T. Akamine, K. Okuma.

ANOTHER CASUALTY

Another casualty appeared at the G. C. H. this afternoon when Li Kan, of No. 28 Lee Yuen Street, was admitted suffering from an injured left leg sustained when he was hit by a missile during the explosion. He refused to believe he was seriously hurt and went home after the incident, but had to go to hospital this afternoon.

Earlier Stories of the Disaster Will Be Found In Page Nine.

Divine Wind Leaves Calcutta

Originally due in Hong Kong late this afternoon, Masaaki Iinuma and Kenji Tsukogoshi, the two Japanese record-breaking aviators, are now not expected to arrive at Kai Tak until to-morrow morning.

The airmen arrived at Calcutta at 2.20 (local time) yesterday and stayed there the night.

This morning, says a Reuter message, they hopped off from Calcutta for Rangoon at 7.49 a.m. (local time).

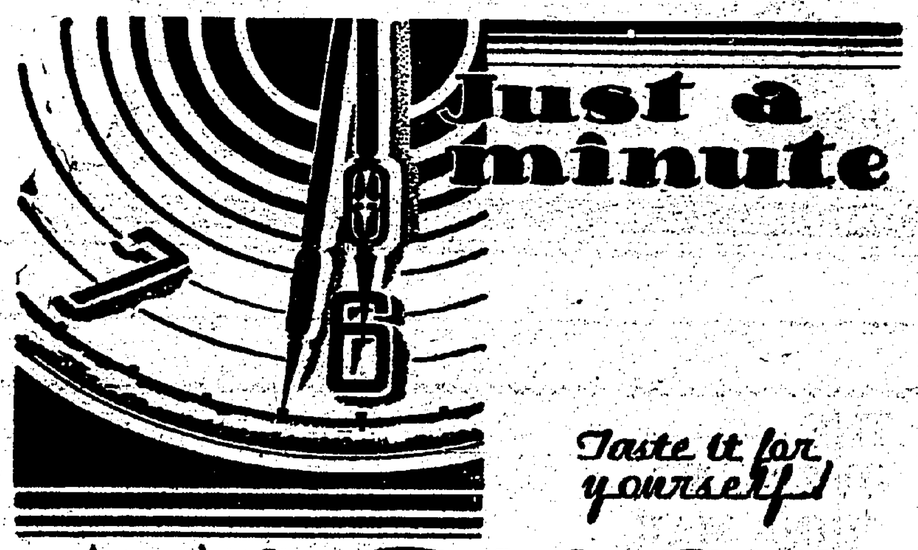
They should be in Hanoi to-night and in Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

No information is available as to how long the airmen will remain in the Colony, but it is thought they will take off for Shanghai and Japan after only a short rest here.

Weather Expected To Improve

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone has moved eastward and pressure is now highest over the Pacific to the East of the Bonins. Depressions are situated over the Sea of Japan and the Upper Yangtse.

Forecast.—S. winds, moderate; cloudy with rain, improving later.



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BRILLIANT WHITSUN WEATHER

FLOODLIGHTING IN LONDON ENDS

London, To-day.

The Whit Monday holiday afforded an opportunity for many Londoners and (especially) provincial visitors, to witness the Coronation attractions.

Last night was the last occasion of the flood-lighting of most public buildings. Dismantling of the stands will follow.

Scores of special trains brought many thousands from Scotland and intermediate places and an enormous queue lined up outside Westminster Abbey to see the interior as it appeared on Coronation Day. The admission price yesterday was only a shilling.

The holiday enjoyed the finest weather of several days.—Reuter.

REMARKABLE SCENES

Remarkable scenes were witnessed in London yesterday as the result of the coincidence of the Whitsun Bank Holiday with the first day of real summer weather and of the attraction exerted by the decorated streets and flood-lighting of public buildings.

In addition to many weekend visitors as on Sunday, dozens of day excursion trains arrived at London termini and the roads also brought tens of thousands of sightseers from the country.

Crowds parading the Coronation route and gathering in the evening in the West End to see the illuminations were swollen by many thousands more come "to see the crowds."

PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC JAMS

This evening, as lighting up time approached, solid masses of people packed Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square while other masses oozed and flowed like fluid along Oxford Street up Bond Street and down Regent Street and the Haymarket.

Pedestrian traffic, with the broad streets of London's West End to itself, actually succeeded in producing jams as bad as the worst of those caused by the vehicular traffic expelled on this last of the five successive nights to an outer ring of thoroughfares and beyond.

Floodlighting in St. James's Park also drew a vast throng while earlier in the day many thousands passed through Westminster Abbey to view, the scene of the Coronation.—British Wireless.

REORGANISATION IN KWANGTUNG

Nanking Discussion To-day

Nanking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan is to discuss the re-organisation of the Kwangtung Government at its weekly meeting this morning.

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek arrived at Nanking from Shanghai by air yesterday at 1.00 p.m. The period of leave granted to the Generalissimo will soon be over and he will resume duties next month. — *Our Own Correspondent.*

Mr. Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung, lectured in the Dr. Sun Yat-sen University yesterday on policies in administering Kwangtung and the principles of education.

King And Queen Of Italy On Tour

Rome, To-day.

The King and Queen of Italy left yesterday afternoon en route to Budapest for an official visit.

The journey to the Hungarian capital, which is being made in return of the visit to Rome of the Regent, Admiral Horthy, is attracting much notice in the newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER TO RETIRE ON MAY 28?

London, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, yesterday officially informed the King of his intention to tender his resignation on May 28, according to the "Daily Express," which adds that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who will succeed Mr. Baldwin in the Premiership, will shortly be granted an audience by His Majesty.

The paper affirms that the Home Secretary, Sir John Simon, will be the next Chancellor of the Exchequer, and will be succeeded at the Home Office by the Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Nothing further is known, says the paper, of other changes in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

M. YURENEV ON JAPANESE-SOVIET RELATIONS

Not Strained, But Unstable

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet-Japanese relations were discussed yesterday by the Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo, M. Constantin Yurenev, before his return to Moscow on transfer.

M. Yureney said it was a mistake to say that the relations between Russia and Japan were extremely strained but that relations between the two countries to-day should be described as "unstable."

He added that the difficulties could be solved by friendly discussions.—Reuter.

TRIBUTES TO LORD SNOWDEN

Formidable Foe And Invaluable Friend

London, To-day.

Yesterday and to-day the newspapers pay tribute to Lord Snowden and prominence is given to the words of his successor Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who, on hearing of his sudden death on Saturday, said Viscount Snowden was a great man who held to the principles in which he believed with extraordinary tenacity. He was also a great patriot, a formidable foe but an invaluable friend.

Lady Snowden has received messages of sympathy from the King and Queen Mary.—British Wireless.

THE WORLD GOES BY

MARK Twain was upon one occasion travelling with a friend in an out-of-the-way place in Europe where he heard no English spoken for days at a time. Alighting at a railroad station one day he beheld on the station platform among the crowd a very beautiful girl.

In his delight he called out to his friend, feeling perfectly safe in the English speech in that unknown town: "Say, Ned, come here quick and see the most gloriously beautiful girl you've ever clapped eyes on."

Whereupon the young woman turned and said in flawless English: "I thank you more, sir, for the evident sincerity of your compliment than for the extraordinary publicity which you give it."

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The golf world is involved at the moment in a controversy of appalling dreariness concerning the origin of Vardon's celebrated swing.

If you ever get dragged into it by some mischance, take a firm line, and make a declaration thus:

"The origin of Vardon's swing is well known to me, and to only two other people in the world. It is a secret. Even among gntlemen I could not reveal it. Were I to do so, your blood would freeze and every hair on your heads stand up in horror, shame, and pity."

A lot of confused mumbling will ensue. This you quell by casting a glance around and adding with quiet emotion.

"Jim Bludso of the Mounties, the whitest man, bar one, I ever knew . . . He took it on himself to shield a pal. It involves the honour of a good and beautiful woman."

Any Old Harrovians present will then straighten their ties, cough, and change the subject, and you retire victorious.

* * *

Arthur Wimperis, as lissome a wit as ever jangled bells, described Dr. Czinner, husband of Miss Bergner, in the Law Courts the other day as "one of the most obedient and amenable husbands and directors I have ever seen."

Habitues of Kensington Gardens have often seen the Doctor flying over the treetops with a message from Miss Bergner for the birdies, but what is not generally known is that a naughty fairy named Mr. Dickery Dock (who lives in a hidey-hut near the Broad Walk) always tries to make him disobedient by waving an old sock full of the sighs of motherless dormice and shouting "Hey! come and have an ache, sport!"

But Dr. Czinner knows that if he flew down to have a wee, enjoyable ache with Mr. Dickery Dock it would lead to the usual old fairy brawl, nips and kisses being exchanged among the whole fairy population in the proportion of 46 to 64, and drawing-room window would be shut and Miss Bergner would be playing tag with a lot of gnomes, having forgotten him utterly.

So he flies on, not even putting out his tongue, and when he gets back there are scrumptious things for tea.

BRITISH SUBJECT MAY BE ABOLISHED

There is a strong impression in Parliamentary circles in Cape Town that, after the Imperial Conference, the designation "British subject," as the description connoting all members of the British Commonwealth, may be abolished and replaced by a more general term.

Although the Union Government has no intention of interfering with the position enjoyed by nationals of the Dominions, the view is held in some quarters that the term "British subject" does not correctly define the status as understood today.

It has been suggested that a more general term, such as "Subject of the King," would be more in accordance with the present constitutional position and would raise no misunderstanding on such questions as the divisibility of the Crown.

It is clear however, that any such decision could only be reached as the result of general agreement and there is no reason to believe that the Union will force the issue.

OKAY AND LOUSY

AMERICA'S PET WORDS

AMERICA'S ten "most overworked words," according to Mr. Wilfred J. Funk, dictionary-maker, with the classes most responsible for "over-working" them are:—

1, Okay — Children and shop-girls; 2, Terrific — All persons exposed to Hollywood for more than twenty-four hours; 3, Lousy — Same as 2; 4, Contact — Advertising workers; 5, Definitely — Society; 6, Gal — Broadwayites; 7, Racket — Tradesmen; 8, Swell — Interior decorators; 9, Impact — Columnists and commentators; 10, Honey — Stockbrokers.

Society's use of "definitely," says Reuter, amuses Mr. Funk, because: "The joke is they think it's an aristocratic English word."

He attributes the craze in U.S. to British-mindedness induced by the Jubilee and the Coronation.

Mr. Funk also selected the ten most beautiful words in the language — Dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous, chimes, golden and melody.

When A Motorist Falls Asleep

A motorist who falls asleep while driving his car cannot legally plead it as an excuse for an offence.

This was decided by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart, and Justices Macnaghten and Singleton, in a King's Bench Divisional Court.

A motorist summoned at Hull for driving without due care and attention pleaded that his car swerved and hit two trees because he suddenly fell asleep.

A stipendiary magistrate dismissed the information, holding that a motorist who momentarily slept because of tiredness was in the same category as a person taken ill while driving, and was not responsible for what occurred.

Lord Hewart said there was, as yet, no authority for the proposition that a motorist who fell asleep could not commit an offence against the Road Traffic Act, and the court held that the magistrate was wrong.

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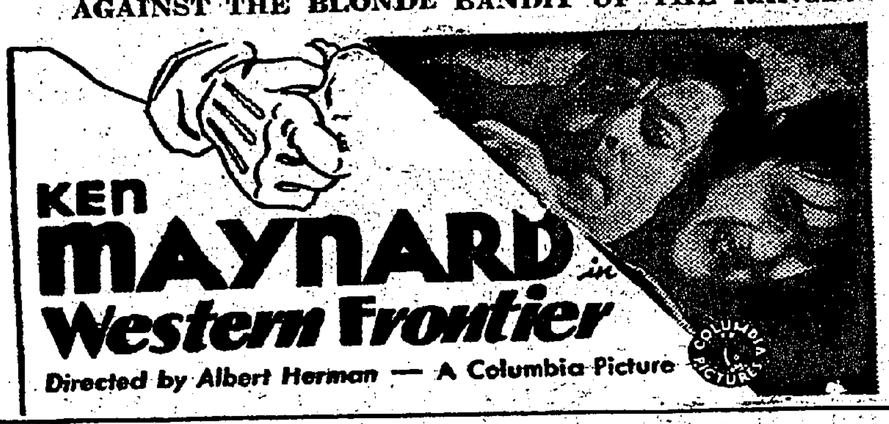

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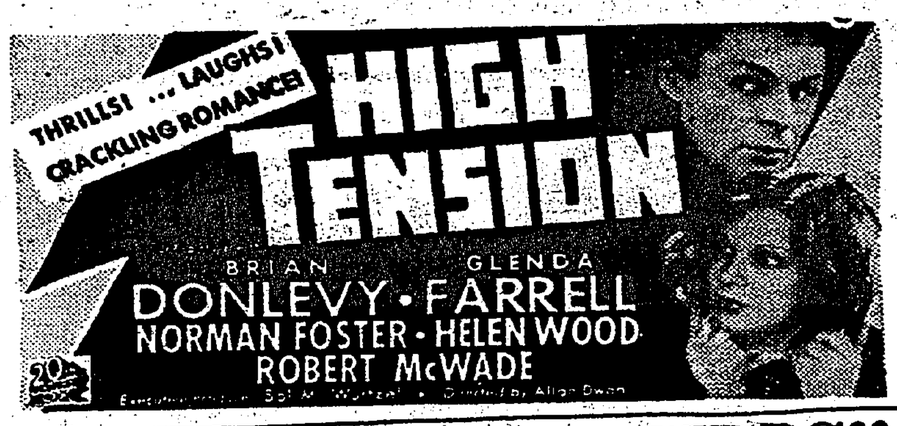

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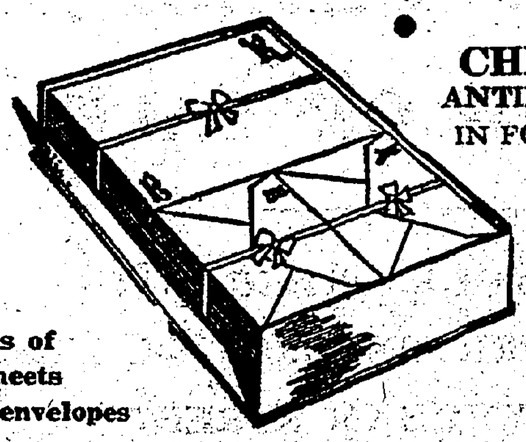

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ENCOURAGING FIGURES FOR 1935 AND 1936 PRESENTED

Encouraging figures were presented by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, held this morning.

The Chairman said:—It is very pleasing to your General Agents and Consulting Committee to be able again to lay before you such a satisfactory Account as that for the year 1935, which has run off with a credit balance of $1,276,101.36. Premium Income showed an increase of $205,003.62 over that for the year 1934, while Losses were down by $4,060.49. A comparison of ratios between the two years reveals Losses at 55.80% for 1935 as against 59.46% for 1934, Charges 29.28% as against 30.46% and a balance of 14.92% as against 10.08%. The figure of Interest is up by $54,441.91.

HIGHER BALANCE FOR 1936

The balance at credit of working Account 1936, as at the 31st December last, stood at $2,212,031.92 an increase of $170,515.42 over that for the year 1935, at the same stage of working. It is impossible at present to make any estimate as to the final outturn but, provided nothing untoward occurs, there is every probability of its being somewhere about the same as that for the year now under review.

A study of the Balance Sheet shows that the total of Assets has been augmented by $1,389,434.13, as expressed in Sterling the increase amounts to £32,224.0.6d. The Reinsurance Fund is down by £4,973.19.7d, and up by $126,773.46 in Hong Kong Currency, while the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account shows increases £29,060.16.5d and $583,298.88, in Sterling and Local Currency respectively.

FLUCTUATION ACCOUNT

The Funds have received, as always, the most constant care and attention on the part of your General Agents and Committee and are in as good shape as we know how to make them. Investments, in addition to being written down whereever we felt it was advisable, are further reinforced by the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account which, at the end of last year, stood at a figure in excess of $2,800,000.

The surplus to be dealt with is $1,276,101.36, out of which has been paid an Interim Dividend of $3.60 per share. We now recommend a final payment of $8.00 per share, making in all $11.60 per share, which will absorb $580,000; we further recommend the addition of $200,000 to the Reinsurance Fund and the transfer of the balance, amounting to $496,101.36, to Underwriting Suspense Account to close 1935 and previous years. The balance of $2,212,031. 92 at credit of 1936 Account allows of the payment of an interim dividend of $5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of $1,962,031.92 to be carried forward.

DIVIDEND DIVISION

You will notice a difference in the proportions of the Interim and Final Dividends, submitted for your approval. For many years past the former has remained at $3.60 per share, or the equivalent of $18 on the old shares prior to subdivision in 1933. We feel, however, that it is more fitting that the Interim Dividend should represent a larger proportion of the amount which eventually falls to be paid; with this idea in view, we now propose that the Interim on account of 1936 be raised to $5 per share which, with a Final Dividend of $8 in respect of 1935, will give Shareholders a return of $13, or $1 more than last year.

I must impress on Shareholders, however, that this increase in the Interim Dividend is merely a readjustment of the ratio between Interim and Final Dividends and should not be taken as any sort of indication that there will be a further increase in next year's distribution.

MARINE INSURANCE

I have little to say with regard to the position of "Marine" insurance to-day; we, in Hong Kong, cannot keep in close touch with the current trend of affairs and it would be difficult for me to express any views of worth, considering how quickly things change.

The past year has been a difficult one and the outlook at the moment promises nothing in the way of improvement for the immediate future. The six months, spanning the close of last year, were responsible for many more than the normal number of casualties, individually not serious but collectively very much so, which are likely to leave their mark on underwriting accounts for 1936 and the current year in no uncertain manner.

The position on the London Market appears to be somewhat confused, though there are signs that Underwriters, if given a strong lead, would welcome any reasonable course likely to effect an improvement in the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

LONDON THE HUB

London is still very much the hub of "Marine" insurance and until Underwriters there call a halt, no material change can be looked for in other directions.

I now propose the following Resolution:—

"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1935 of $8 per share and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1936 of $5 per share; an addition of $200,000 to Reinsurance Fund and of $496,101.36 to Underwriting Suspense Account, be adopted and passed."

Mr. Ho Kom-tong seconded and the report was unanimously adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, and S. T. Williamson were re-elected to the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. J. D. Danby and seconded by Mr. J. H. Seth.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of $1,500 each, on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo and seconded by Mr. H. R. Forsyth.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson was in the chair and was supported by the following members of the Consulting Committee: Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. S. T. Williamson and Mr. H. W. Dulley (Acting Secretary).

The following shareholders were also present: Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Ho Sai-cheung D. Hung, Lo Cheung-ip, M. H. Lo, J. D. Danby, J. H. Seth, H. R. Forsyth, J. Fleming, W. L. Mackenzie and M. W. Lo.

Nazis are believed to be responsible for violating graves and overturning tomb-stones in the Jewish cemetery at Schleining, Austria.

Field Marshal von Blomberg, the German War Minister, and Gen. von Fritsch, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, were present at the opening of the new German army records office in Potsdam.

The British steamers Holburn Head, 489 tons, and Eskwood, 791 tons, were slightly damaged in a collision near Gravesend, but no one was hurt.

Interlude At The Piano By Billy Mayerl

To-day's Wireless

H. V. Hodson Talk On World Affairs

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12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Arthur de Greef.
12.50 p.m.— Three Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.— Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.
1.25 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
2.10 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—Welsh Music.
Songs—
Y Sipsi (The Gipsy), (Crwys),
Molawd Cymru (Praise of Wales), (Wdlyd)...William Edwards, (Tenor).
My little Welsh Home (Williams), Leila Megane (Contralto).
Choral—
March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air),
All through the night,
Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.
Songs—
The Village Spring,
Dear Wales—(Roberts),
Leila Magane (Contralto).
Adieu to dear Cambria (Old Welsh Air),
Mentra Gwen (Old Welsh Song),
Evan Williams (Tenor).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Teddy Foster and his Kings of Swing.
Fox-Trot—
Pennies from Heaven.
Skeleton in the cupboard.
When a Lady meets a Gentleman down South.
Tain't no use.
Sing, sing, sing.
Harlem.
Sugar Rose,
Poor Dinah.
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Efrem Zimbalist.
Romance in G, Op. 40 (Beethoven).
After Sundown (Scott).
8.15 p.m.—A Recital by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).
"Lohengrin" (Wagner)—
Elsa's Dream.
"Tannhauser" (Wagner)—
Oh! Hall of Song.
Songs my Mother taught me, Op. 55, No. 4 (Dvorak).
When I have sung my songs (Charles).
8.30 p.m.—The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
Tone-Poem "Finlandia", Op. 26, No. 7 (Sibelius).
Carnival of the Animals (Saint-Saens).
9 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
Britain's Heritage (Medley of Patriotic Songs).
The Rivetter (Arlen),
The Fleet's not in Port very long (Gay).
9.15 p.m.—Interlude at the Piano by Billy Mayerl.
"Helen"—Piano Selection.
"Six Miniatures"—Billy Mayerl's own Selection (No. 2).
Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories.
9.30 p.m.—London — News and Announcements.
9.55 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.
The Lost Chord (Sullivan).
Sanctuary of the heart (Ketelbey).
My dream memory (Levant).
Sandler Minutes.
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben. 'World Affairs.' A talk by H. V. Hodson.
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—
When the poppies bloom again.
Everybody dance.
Star Dust.
There's that look in your eyes again.
Smoke dreams.
After you've gone.
Some of these days.
Rumba—Spanish Jake.
Waltz—A gift rom Heaven.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Feminine Partners

"Dear Mr. Culbertson:

"About once a week, for too many weeks, you have published in your column a contribution from your 'Bridge Spy.' Apparently you have endorsed his bridge views. I refer particularly to his undisguised bias on the subject of feminine partners.

"Writing as the blushing bride of this over-confident gentleman, I wish to inform you that henceforth, for every contribution my husband makes, I shall make one also. I realize that he has played a beautiful game in *your column*, but I have discovered that in an actual match he is of the same clay as the rest of us. You may be interested in hearing that his cigarette money for one week will be diverted to repaying the loss he and he alone, incurred last night on the following hand.

East, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S. 8 7 3 2
H. 8
D. A Q 10 9 8
C. J 9 8

WEST	EAST
S. 9	S. A Q 10 5 4
H. 10 4	H. A Q 9 7
D. K 7 6 3 2	D. J 5 4
C. A Q 5 4 2	C. 10

SOUTH
S. K J 6.
H. K J 6 5 3 2
D. None
C. K 7 6 3

"The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 spade	Pass	2 diamonds	Double
Redouble	2 hearts	Pass	Pass
Double	Redouble	Pass	Pass
Pass			

"What happened to us [I was North, my hero South] was too horrible for words. West opened a spade, East won with the ace and returned his singleton club. South played low, and the queen won. The club ace was the next play and, when East discarded a diamond, West led a third club, which East ruffed. A low spade was finessed by South and ruffed by West, and then a fourth round of clubs was played. My eight spot was overruffed with East's nine, and another spade ruff by West followed. And finally, East made his ace and queen of hearts, for the third and fourth setting tricks.

"To cap it all, the numbskull I accepted in a weak moment tried to blame the 2,200 point penalty on me, stammering some sort of drivel about my double of two diamonds. I ask you, Mr. Culbertson, in all fairness, wouldn't *you* double two diamonds with what appeared to be five diamond tricks back of the bidder? Try not to let your masculine loyalty interfere with an honest answer.

"Confidently yours,
"MRS. SPY."

My answer is that my heart bleeds for my poor, unfortunate spy. Since I know that a disagreement with his lady will bring down a storm on my head, no matter how discreetly I couch said disagreement, I might as well enjoy myself, and state openly that the two diamond double was 100 per cent. atrocious. Regardless of how it was meant, it was not a penalty double. North had not the slightest right to hope that it would be left in. South's two heart bid was conservative to the point of pusillanimity, and the only argument against his redouble could be the fear of a run-out by the opponents. On the other hand, he had every reason to expect one or two overtricks, if North's double was even fairly legitimate.

The spy losing his cigarette money because of this hand is reminiscent of the Spanish Inquisition.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: If my partner makes a take-out double and the next hand puts in a bid, how much honour strength should I have in order to make a bid?

Answer: You should have at least one honour trick and a biddable suit, or one-half an honour trick and a six card major suit.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Charge Of The Light Brigade," Warner Brothers' stupendous production suggested by the immortal poem of Lord Tennyson, with an all-star cast headed by Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, and over fifteen thousand extras.

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AT THE STAR—"Three Smart Girls," with Deanna Durbin, Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger. The adventures of three lovely daughters of a rich New Yorker who smash their father's romance with a fortune-hunting blonde provide the amusing theme for this picture. Not to be missed.

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AT THE MAJESTIC — "Camille," with Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor. A glorious love drama of a woman of Paris and of the world . . . a woman who coolly chose to accept the favours of a wealthy man; then suddenly fell in love with young Armand.

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AT THE KING'S—"Romeo and Juliet", with Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard, the greatest love story now made into a photoplay of delicate beauty and charm, dramatic power and stirring action which is unforgettable by all who see it.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Sea Devils," with Victor McLaglen, Preston Foster and Ida Lupino. A colourful tale of courage and romance in the lives of the United States Coast Guard.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA — "Western Frontier", with Ken Manyard and Nora Lane. A Western drama in which Maynard as a secret government officer, on his wonder horse, Tarzan, trails the rustlers and manages after many adventures, to bring them to book.

COMING PICTURES

"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellows and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

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"Mama Steps Out"—A girl whom her mother hopes will marry a cultured foreigner elopes with an American crooner. Starring Stanley Morner and Betty Furness. Coming to the King's.

"Mr. Cinderella", with Jack Haley, Betty Furness, Arthur Treacher and Raymond Walburn. A barber follows the movements of Society people through gossip columns, idolises a Society beauty though he has never seen her, and eventually marries her. Coming to the Oriental.

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"The Lost Horizon", with Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, H. B. Warner, Margo and Edward Everett Horton. A story of adventure, romance danger and glamour, acclaimed as one of the outstanding productions of the year. Coming to the Oriental.

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"After The Thin Man,"— with Myrna Loy as Nora Charles, epitome of the sophisticated modern wife who assists her famous husband William Powell in ferreting out crimes against a San Francisco background. Coming to the King's.

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"Banjo on My Knee."—With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musicale, depicting the tragi-comedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

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"John Meade's Woman"—a powerful story starring Edward G. Arnold and Francine Larrimore. Coming to the Queen's.

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"Swing High And Swing Low," — A romantic comedy co-starring lovely Carole Lombard and dashing Fred MacMurray — a festival of song and music — of mirth and laughter. Coming to the Queen's.

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"On The Avenue"—with songs by Irving Berlin—a sparkling musical production with a stellar cast of entertainers, including Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll. Coming to Queen's.

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"The Longest Night", with Robert Young Florence Rice, Ted. Healy and Julie Haydon. Mystery, with an added element of romance and humour, provides the highlights of this picture, and incidents following one upon anto build a great story. Coming to the other in bewildering succession combine Oriental.

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ANOTHER SOVIET "PURGE"

Strike Treated As Treasonable Activity

SECRET BALLOT IN BUS STRIKE

London, To-day.

In view of the failure of the efforts to terminate the London bus strike, a secret ballot will be taken among the busmen, according to the "Daily Express."

The journal states that the impression prevails that certain elements among the busmen were unduly influenced by the recent open poll, which resulted in an overwhelming decision to continue the strike, and that a secret ballot will give the opposite result, especially as the delegate of the men's union at Saturday's conference of busmen expressed himself in favour of returning to work.

The paper adds that the Government will also intervene in order to prevent a general strike of miners, which is due to commence on May 29.—Trans-Ocean.

WORLD'S FASTEST TRAIN

GLASGOW TO LONDON

Beginning in July, a new train will leave Glasgow for London and vice versa each afternoon, on the London, Midland & Scottish line, making the journey of 401.4 miles in 6½ hours, at an overall average speed of 61.8 m.p.h. The only stop in each direction will be at Carlisle.

The journeys of these trains as between London and Carlisle and vice versa will be the fastest in the world, with steam traction, for such a distance.

The north-bound train will cover the 299.1 miles to Carlisle in 283 minutes, at an average speed of 63.4 m.p.h. start-to-stop, and the 102.3 miles thence to Glasgow in 105 minutes at an average speed of 58.5 m.p.h. start-to-stop. Similar average speeds will be maintained over the Glasgow-Carlisle and Carlisle-Euston stages of the south-bound journey.

Streamlined Engines

The new trains will each comprise nine coaches hauled by one of five new streamlined locomotives which are being constructed specially for the service.

Although it is stated the record runs of the L.M.S. engine "Princess Elizabeth" last November which, with an average load of 24 tons covered the 302.8 miles from London to Glasgow and back at a mean overall speed of 69 m.p.h. — a world's record for steam traction—proved that streamlining was not essential to the maintenance of high speeds over long distances, the engines of the new trains are being streamlined in order to take advantage of the increased economy which is realisable at speeds over 70 m.p.h.

No special streamlining will be carried out so far as the passenger coaches are concerned.

For the second time in two days Imperial Airways Empire flying boat Cygnus, with six passengers and mail for Egypt, had to return to her base at Hamble owing to bad weather conditions over France.

Goering Returns To Germany

Munich, To-day.

The Prussian Premier, General Hermann Goering, has returned to Germany after his visit to Venice and is now staying at his country house near Berchtesgaden.—Trans-Ocean.

DANGER OF WAR IN U.S.A.

Sir Charles Higham, who recently returned to London from America, thinks there is more danger of war in the United States within the next five years than there is of war in Europe in 20 years, says the "Evening Standard."

He told Americans so, too. "That startled them," Sir Charles said, "But it is true.

"America is getting the upper hand of the gangsters. Now she is faced with an even more serious troubles. The worst of the labour elements are being allowed to get on top of industry, and industry has no confidence in the President.

"The truth is, the President has bitten off a bit more than he can chew.

"The business community could put their house in order if they were left alone, but there is no guarantee that they will be. Between governmental interference and labour troubles, the situation may be completely out of hand before the end of four years, the President's period of office.

"Labour in America does not understand that the actual manufacture of articles is only half the story, that imagination and courage and selling ability are also needed.

"The most disturbing feature of American life is the flagrant disrespect for the law. President Roosevelt's proposal to add six members to the Supreme Court is interpreted as meaning that the one impartial judicial body in the country may became subservient to the politicians."

FAMOUS BRIDGE TO BE REBUILT

Over Menai Streets

Menai Suspension Bridge, built by Thomas Telford in 1826 to link the Isle of Anglesey with the North Wales mainland, is to be reconstructed at an estimated cost of £228,000.

The main features of Telford's masterpiece will be retained. The principal difference will be that there will be fewer chains, and footpaths will be provided on either side outside the suspenders.

At present the bridge is suspended with 16 chains, each 800 ft. long, well over two miles. These will have to be removed. Cables will carry the weight, while new chains are put in position.

Work will be carried out without interference with normal traffic.

Trade Unionist Leaders Arrested

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A new wave of terrorism is now spreading over the Soviet, according to yesterday's "Daily Express," which says that the trade unions are the latest bodies to undergo "purging."

The journal reports that numerous leading trade union officials have been arrested, as well as many prominent Russian economists.

Among them are the director of the Soviet Industrial Banking Trust, M. Ginsburg, and the President of the Moscow trade unions, M. Kotov.

The paper asserts that the arrests were Stalin's answer to the recent strike organised by the trade unions by way of protest against the "Stachanoff" methods. The authorities considered the strike as an "act of sabotage."

UNION LEADERS

Similar reports are being published in the Paris newspapers, which state that fourteen trade union leaders have been arrested in Leningrad, Odessa and Kiev.

Among them were the President of the Social Insurance Office, the President of the Teachers' Trade Union, the Chairman of the Administrative Council for Scientific Research and the President of the Foreign Workers' Office.—Trans-Ocean.

CARS BETTER SEEN — AND NOT HEARD

Said Mr. Hore-Belisha, Minister of Transport, at a luncheon given by the Commercial Motor Users Association:

"Returning from what I thought was to be a brief respite abroad, I feel grateful that in Britain the principle is being more and more carried into practice that a car should be seen and not heard."

The best way to remove antagonism between various classes of road users was to make every kind of transport, including pedestrian transport, safe and silent.

"Drivers of public service and commercial vehicles have earned the title of 'the gentlemen of the road."

They had in their hands not only the safety of the public, but also its peace of mind.

"With better maintained roads, let us have better-maintained vehicles. A vehicle not in proper order is a constant danger to life."

During the last six months examiners had to prohibit 9,590 vehicles until defects, principally of steering or braking, had been remedied.

Two Inches Of Rain Registered

Over two inches of rain have fallen in the Colony in the last twenty-four hours, most of it within the a period of ten hours from midnight onwards.

The official figure of the Royal Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. was 2.07 inches.

PIONEER GIRLS

On Australian Farm

Eleven girls are running an entirely sell supporting farm of 3,000 square miles in the northern territory of Australia.

They are dadghters of Bill Sargent, who, more than thirty years ago, took up a lease in wild bushland ninety miles from Darwin, where he was told "white men cannot live."

With his young wife, he went out into the "never-never" and made a home in a rough hut, where eleven daughters and three sons were born without medical aid.

Now the property is run by Sargent and his daughters, who have grown up into expert horsewomen, "bushmen" and agriculturists.

They have carried out the most comprehensive scheme of farming yet attempted in Australia, and every need of the family is produced within its boundaries.

The girls milk their own herd, and produce high-grade butter. They grow tobacco, cotton for their own clothes, maize, vegetables, fruit and ground-nuts. They raise cattle, pigs and poultry.

Lately they have discovered payable tin on the property, and work their own mine.

The premier award at the fourth Scottish Amateur Film Festival, in Glasgow, adjudicated by the Hon. Anthony Asquith, the British film director, was won by Montagu Pictures, Newcastle, for the film, "The Day Thou Gavest."

R. A. GUNNERS RUN WILD!

Extraordinary Incidents On Stonecutters Island

Large Party Called Out For Round-Up

The Military authorities disclosed for the first time this morning a sensational series of incidents which took place on Stonecutters Island on the night of March 28-29 when two Gunners, one a well-known Army swimmer, broke into a Quarter Master Sergeant's Store, stole 60 rounds of blank ammunition and later injured an Indian Police Officer of the Naval Dockyard, while one of the two accused threatened another Gunner with a bayonet.

THE ALLEGATION IS THAT THE MEN VIRTUALLY RAN AMOK ON THE ISLAND AFTER DRINKING METHYLATED SPIRITS, WOUNDED THE INDIAN WITH A CHARGE OF "BUCKSHOT" CONSISTING OF DRAWING-PINS AND THE LIKE, AND DEFIED AUTHORITY, DECLINING TO SURRENDER WHEN CALLED UPON.

IT APPEARS THAT THEY TOOK REFUGE IN THE UNDERGROWTH ON THE HILLS AND THAT A LARGE PARTY HAD TO BE ORGANISED TO ROUND THEM UP AND PLACE THEM UNDER ARREST.

The two accused should have been arraigned before a District Court Martial on April 15, but Gunner Edward Robert Horder Banbury was taken ill and was sent to the Bowen Road Military Hospital, where he was detained until May 1.

In the meantime, the second of the two accused, Gunner Edward Halliley, was brought before a District Court Martial assembled at Stonecutters Island on April 16 when he pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him.

The Court Martial found him guilty on all charges and sentenced him to imprisonment without hard labour for one year, to be discharged from the Army with ignominy, and to be placed under stoppage of pay to the amount of $20.

The findings were duly confirmed by the G.O.C., who, however, commuted the sentence of imprisonment to one of detention for one year and remitted the discharge with ignominy.

IN MUFTI

Actually on the night of March 28, the two accused, dressed in civilian clothes, were first seen to enter a barrack room, where they were detected by one of the occupants who alleged that beer was thrown over his bed by one of the two men.

On leaving the barrack room, one of the two accused, — it was too dark to distinguish between them, was seen to smash the glass panes of the guard room and when later confronted by Gunner R. Arnold, held the latter up with a rifle and at the point of the bayonet.

As Arnold was obviously unarmed, the two men continued on their way until they arrived near the Naval establishments where they fell upon an Indian Police Officer, Fazil Khaliz.

INDIAN ATTACKED

The Indian Police Officer attempted to question the men, who then, it is alleged, turned on him, one striking at him with a hockey stick, which hit him in the right shoulder, while the other whipped out an iron bar, resembling a bayonet. While the accused were belabouring the policeman, a second Indian watchman appeared on the scene when the two Gunners made off into the darkness.

They were stopped a third time by Lance-Bombadier C. Gibson, who, when he ordered them to return to Barracks, was threatened with a bayonet. They disappeared into the darkness and continued to damage property, breaking 70 panes of glass and a sash bar.

ROUNDED UP

In the meantime the disturbance had been reported to the Military Police, who, together with reinforcements, managed to round up the two men, who were later placed in the guard room.

COURT-MARTIAL TO-DAY

Gunner Banbury was charged with the following offences this morning:

1. Housebreaking and larceny at Stonecutters during the night of March 28—29 in the company of Gunner Edward Halliley, of 24th Heavy Battery, 8th Heavy Brigade, R. A. They broke into and entered the Quartermaster Sergeant's stores and stole 60 rounds of blank ammunition valued at 3/6 3/4d.

2. An act to the prejudice of good order and military discipline . . . did point a rifle and bayonet at Gunner R. Arnold.

3. Committed a civil offence by assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty. In company with Gunner Halliley accused assaulted No. 114 Indian police officer, Fazil Khaliz of the Royal Naval Yard, by striking him with their fists.

4. Offering violence to his superior officer . . . when spoken to by Lance-Bombardier C. Gibson, of the same battery, he presented a bayonet at the said Lance-Bombardier.

5. Wilfully injured public property. With Gunner Halliley he did wilfully break 70 panes of glass and one sash bar, total value $40.87.

6. Disorder to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. Did create disorder on Stonecutter's Island.

MAKING C 3 MEN A 1

NEW ARMY PLAN PHYSICAL TRAINING DEPOT

The success of the recent Army experiment in "conditioning" recruits who failed to reach the necessary physical standard for enlistment has led to the creation of a permanent depot for this purpose.

The new recruit development depot is temporarily quartered at Badajos Barracks, Aldershot. It will leave there in August or September for permanent quarters at Canterbury, where a hospital building is being converted for its use.

Maj. N. P. Procter, Middlesex Regt., the Commandant, said that the depot should be ready to receive recruits early next month.

"We expect a total strength of approximately 300 men for training," he added. "The depot will confine itself to special physical training courses and diet.

"The recruits will be under the daily supervision of the depot's medical officer and a close watch will be kept on individual development, special treatment being applied for flat feet and other forms of physical defect."

The fate of this year's Tourist Trophy international trial race on the Ards Circuit, near Belfast, is still unsettled. Down County Council Finance and Law Committee decided in Belfast to leave the matter to the County Council, making no recommendation. It was stated that there was a sharp cleavage of opinion among members of the committee and that the chances of the race being banned were even.

America To Stop Atlantic Air Race

LAKEHURST (N.J.), TO-DAY. COLONEL JOHNSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ANNOUNCES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL REFUSE LICENSES FOR THE PROJECTED NEW YORK-PARIS AIR RACE.

The Department, he says, wishes to encourage commercial trans-Atlantic aviation "that has no thrills," but the trans-Atlantic race is too hazardous.

Immense interest had been stirred up in Europe by the race, which was to have been held in commemoration of Colonel Lindbergh's famous solo hop to Paris ten years ago.

The entrant whose machine put up the best performance under the time of 33 hours 30 minutes taken by Colonel Lindbergh was to have received the first prize of £15,000.

There were to have been second prizes of £10,000 and £5,000. The project was organised by the Aero Club de France.—Reuter.

Adml. Sir Dudley Pound, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, gave a luncheon on board the Queen Elizabeth in honour of M. Balley, the Deputy Prefect of the War Department, M. Escartefigue, Mayor of Toulon, and other French personalities.

Queen Wilhelmina launched the 36,000-ton steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, of the Holland-America line, at Rotterdam.

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WAYS WITH LEFT-OVERS

IF you look in your larder you will often find left-overs of cheese, cold cooked fish, or other "bits and pieces," which can be easily turned into appetising light dishes.

Here is a recipe for a delicious combination of fish, cheese and egg.

Take a saucepan and melt an ounce of butter, stirring in one dessertspoonful of cornflour. Pour in a quarter of a pint of milk, and stir until it boils. Then add three dessertspoonfuls of grated cheese, four heaped dessertspoonfuls of cooked and chopped fish, and a beaten egg. Season to taste. Make some hot buttered toast, and serve the mixture piping hot on this.

HAM AND CABBAGE

You will enjoy this way of using up ham.

First of all cook some rice. Take the biggest leaves from a large cabbage and fill them with the rice, and some minced ham. Make little rolls and tie the leaves to enclose the filling. When you have stewed the rolls and they are quite tender, remove the tying threads, make some gravy flavoured with your favourite sauce, and serve very hot.

CAULIFLOWER AND CHEESE

Try this method of dealing with cauliflower and cheese.

When you have boiled a large cauliflower, remove the green, and drain it well.

Prepare a sauce with a knob of butter, four ounces of grated cheese and a little mustard, pepper and salt to taste, mixed together with a breakfastcupful of boiling milk. Pour this over the cauliflower.

MACARONI AND ONIONS

Perhaps you have a quantity of onions, well, introduce them to some macaroni, and you will be pleased with the result.

Boil some salted water, add the macaroni (about half a pound) and when it is well cooked, drain. Slice a few onions and fry them in butter—but don't let them brown. Make a white sauce, flavour this with nutmeg, and when the onions are tender, add them. After twenty minutes' simmering, remove the stewpan, put in the macaroni, heat, and serve.

TOMATO AND TONGUE SAVOURY

is also good.

To make this, put some tomatoes into boiling water and then skin them. Mince the cold cooked tongue finely, and mix this in a basin with the mashed tomatoes. Season to taste and beat in one or two eggs. Put the mixture in a pan and heat it well, then place on buttered rounds of hot toast.

This savoury will be equally tasty if any other kind of meat is used instead of tongue.

N. M.

HOSIERY SHADES FOR THE SEASON

The latest colours and designs in stockings are in better style than has been the case for some time. The chosen colours of fashion are becoming and fairly pale—to go with the favourite pastel-range. All the fanciful colour-contrasts have given place to a range of beiges, from palest champagne to peach, parchment, and a very light brown.

The last shade is intended for wear with brown shoes only.

Choice of grey shades is improved and extended. A silver-grey is always there, but the ugly slate colour is now merged into mole-grey and beige and grey alliances. A curious green-grey river shade that works in admirably with lizard shoes is good. Greys in hosiery, in fact, have become as well graduated in tints as the beiges.

Ankles are slender and the tops have either a new sort of mesh or rows of stitching that grip the suspender without continual risk of laddering. For general requirements this season, I commend the choice of stockings in fine or thicker silk and lisle selected from the beige or grey lines. The rustic and stronger shades of winter have given way to the tender hues of spring and summer.

With the gold and silver shoes by night the very pale beige grey shades prevail over any matching idea.

For important functions by night I think the exquisite shades in the new long gloves will influence the choice of hosiery.

The finest stockings are ultra-plain. In black a little very fine lace can be introduced on to the fronts—that is to say, when worn with an entirely black toilette.

GREEN FLAGEOLETS

One of the most popular of Italian vegetables, green flageolets deserve to be better known. Although as a fresh vegetable their season is limited, the dried variety is always available. These should be soaked overnight, the water poured off and fresh water added for the cooking. They are then boiled until tender, without salt, which makes them hard, but with a pinch of brown sugar to bring out the flavour. Time required for cooking is about an hour.

They can then be served alone or with an entree; they are particularly good with mutton, and make an attractive accompaniment to a grill. Pepper, salt, and a good deal of butter should be mixed with them when they are dished.

In France flageolets are often made into a puree by sieving. Another way of serving is with a thin bechamel sauce. A flavouring of onion or a pinch of mixed herbs can be added for variety.

MUTTON HOT-POT

This is a delicious hot-pot. For three or four people, have a pound and a half of neck of mutton cut into pieces; the scrag-end will do nicely for this dish. Dip it in flour well seasoned with pepper and salt. Put a layer of meat at the bottom of a casserole or earthenware hot-pot dish. Skin a pound of tomatoes and cut into thick slices, chop an onion and slice rather thickly a pound and a half of potatoes. Put some of the tomato over the meat, sprinkle a little onion over, and season well. Cover with potatoes, and season these. Repeat, keeping plenty of potatoes for the top. Put in enough stock, or water seasoned with meat extract, to cover all the meat, cover tightly, and simmer slowly for two hours. For the last half-hour, leave off the lid, to crisp the top layer of potatoes, or put under the grill for a few minutes when cooked.

Cutting the breeze atop a navy straw skull cap, Maxine Jennings, screen actress, has a feather of navy blue straw and starched white pique. Such a model can be worn with practically any Spring outfit.

Shrimp Medley Salad

Combine the following ingredients:

1 cup shrimp, diced
½ cup diced celery
½ cup cooked peas
¼ cup chopped olives
½ cup mayonnaise

Arrange in a mound on a bed of lettuce and around it place slices of hard-cooked eggs. Additional mayonnaise for a garnish may be used.

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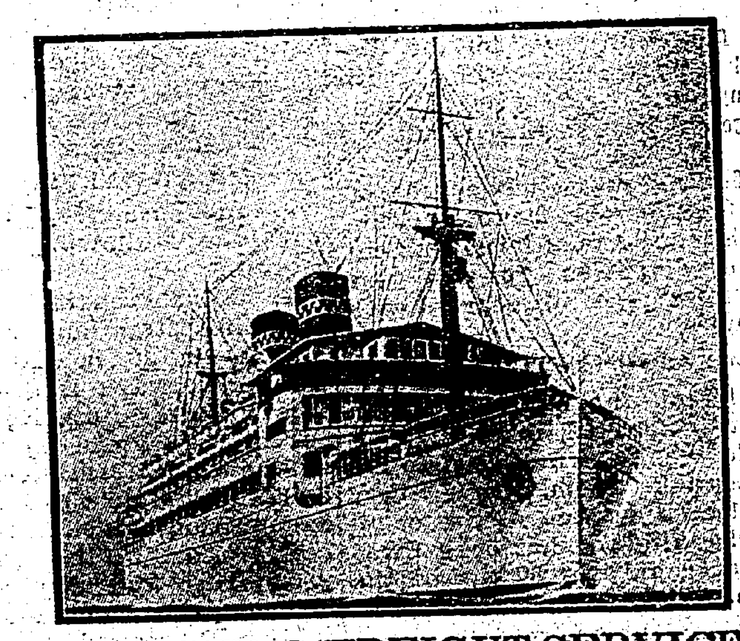

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PRAYA BLAST DISASTER

Twenty-Seven Japanese Killed And Missing

Casualty Toll Still In Doubt

Such was the terrible nature of the Dojima Maru explosion disaster at Queen's Pier yesterday evening that to-day after a lapse of fourteen hours, it was still impossible to provide a completely accurate summary of the casualties.

Forty-four Japanese were on board the Dojima Maru at the time of the explosion. Of these,

Sixteen are dead.

Seventeen are in hospital, and

Eleven are missing, feared dead.

THE CHINESE CASUALTIES ARE NOT KNOWN WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY AS THERE IS NO MEANS OF ESTIMATING HOW MANY CHINESE WHO WERE ON QUEEN'S PIER AND NOT ON THE LAUNCH WERE KILLED. AT LEAST THREE ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES, TOGETHER WITH THE ENGINE-ROOM CREW, WHO MUST HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO PIECES, BUT THERE IS REASON TO FEAR THAT THE PIER CASUALTIES WERE MUCH GREATER.

An unofficial estimate, based upon available figures, puts the death roll, both Chinese and Japanese, at at least forty, including the missing.

Among those missing, believed dead, is Mr. Kenruku Ikoda, a prominent factory owner.

DIVERS SENT DOWN

Several Police launches are still engaged in searching for any bodies which may have drifted away from the scene of the accident, while three divers from Taikoo Docks have been commissioned to search the hull for bodies that may have been trapped in it.

It has, as yet, been impossible to ascertain the names of the victims. This afternoon, when a thorough search has been made, relatives of those on board the launch last night will endeavour to identify bodies and those in hospital, after which an official list will be issued.

It was one of the most appalling disasters known to Hong Kong's waterfront, the shattering nature of the explosion dismembering most of the victims horribly.

Pictures taken by a "Mail" photographer were found to be much too gruesome for publication.

The superstructure of the Dojima Maru was blown to smithereens, to be scattered over a wide area, and the vessel sank almost instantly. Bodies of victims were hurled nearly 300 yards from the scene.

BOILER EXPLOSION

The disaster is generally supposed to have been due to a boiler explosion, the cause of which will probably never be determined satisfactorily.

Several on board had miraculous escapes. They were hurled into the water by the blast and suffered only from minor injuries and shock.

The blast was felt as far away as Kowloon and the Peak, though strangely enough there were people working fairly close to the scene who neither heard it nor felt its effects.

More Bodies Found

The bodies of three of the missing Japanese passengers were found in the harbour this morning, bringing the established Japanese death-roll to nineteen.

It is also revealed that a taxi-driver and two Chinese who were walking on the Praya were taken to hospital suffering from injuries caused by flying debris.

MYSTERY FINDS OF AMMUNITION

Two Rattan Baskets Left Lying About

A rattan basket found on a tram car yesterday afternoon and taken to the Police Station by Mr. Gillard, traffic inspector of the Company, contained a quantity of ammunition, including 550 rounds of .32 short colt, 79 rounds .45 Winchester, 20 rounds .28 Winchester, 18 rounds of .38 colt, and 300 rounds of .765 Browning ammunition.

A Chinese revenue officer found 1,300 rounds of revolver ammunition and 100 rounds for a Winchester in a rattan basket in Connaught Road Central opposite the O.S.K. Wharf.

JUNK STRUCK BY STEAMER

Two Drowned

Ho Ping, master of a fishing junk, has reported that at 2 a.m. on Sunday, while he was off Woo Lung-chai, in Chinese Territory, his junk was struck by an unknown steamer and sunk. He and five members of his crew were rescued by another fishing boat and landed at Shaukiwan. His wife and a foki are missing, believed drowned. The total loss including the junk and money on board is about $8,000.

BASQUE FRONT OPERATIONS

Insurgents Begin New Offensive

Durango, To-day.

Heavy fighting occurred in the Amorebietta sector yesterday, says a report issued by insurgent headquarters.

General Mola's troops are reported to have captured the heights between Ergoyen and Zabalabeieos, while the towns of Amorebietta and Echano are now within range of the rebel artillery.

PRISONERS CAPTURED YESTERDAY, SAY INSURGENT OFFICERS, TOLD OF THE MANNER IN WHICH BILBAO REACTED TO NEWS OF THE CABINET CRISIS. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARADED THE STREETS SHOUTING "LONG LIVE THE REVOLUTION," AND TROOPS HAD TO BE CALLED OUT AS A PRECAUTION, THOUGH NO DISORDERS OCCURRED.—TRANS-OCEAN.

London, To-day.

There is little change on the Basque front, where the insurgents are making a fresh push against Bilbao.

On the Madrid front, the Government claims to have isolated the rebels in the University City sector. This, however, is denied by the insurgents.

From Pau, in France, it is reported that a squadron of 17 Spanish Government aeroplanes, which left Santander at 5 a.m. to reconnoitre the insurgent lines but lost their way in fog, landed near Pau at 8.30 a.m. yesterday.

Fifteen of the machines were armed with two machine-guns each.

The French Air Minister ordered them to leave, and they will take off, escorted by a French military plane, immediately the weather improves.

AMERICAN MAKE

The machines were of American make, according to a report made by the Police Prefect of Pau.

The non-intervention control officer for the district was also informed of the landing and inspected the planes.

Two further machines, which had been engaged in scouting over the insurgent lines on the Basque front, were forced to land in Southern France yesterday.

The Air Ministry has also ordered their departure from the country immediately.

POLITICAL SITUATION VAGUE

Meanwhile, the political situation in Spain remains as vague as ever.

Following relinquishment by Senor Largo Caballero, the Premier, of his attempt to form a new Cabinet, the President, Senor Manuel Azana, has entrusted the task to the Socialist Minister of Finance in the late Cabinet, Senor Juan Negrim.

The somewhat formidable task of forming a new Government was previously offered to the Foreign Minister, Senor del Vayo, who refused.

President Azana has been holding a series of conferences with the President of the Cortes, Senor Barrion, the former Premier, Senor Giral, the Marine and Air Minister, Senor I. Prieto and representatives of the Socialist, Communist and Left Wing Republican Parties.

Senor Negrim was still holding conferences with various likely Ministers late last night, with few indications of an immediate solution in sight.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

VALENCIA CABINET

FORMED BY JUAN NEGRIM

POPULAR FRONT FORMATION

Valencia, To-day.

Senor Juan Negrim, Socialist Minister of Finance in the late Cabinet, has formed a new Government.

The new Cabinet includes Senor Jose Giral (Left Republican) as Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Senor Indalecio Prieto (Socialist Labour leader) as Minister for National Defence. Senor Prieto was Marine and Air Minister in the late Government.

The new Cabinet maintains the same Popular Front formation as that of Senor Largo Caballero but consists of nine members instead of fifteen.

The Cabinet includes three Socialists and two Communists.—Reuter.

Aeroplanes searched the sea off Weston-super-Mare and lifeboatmen stood by following a report by a local doctor that an object resembling an aeroplane had been seen in the water near the shore off Brean. Police officers went to the spot indicated and discovered that the floating object was a tree trunk. A heavy sea mist which made visibility difficult is the reason for the mistake.

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YELLOW FEVER AND AIR TRAVEL

No unimpeachable confirmation, as far as is known, has been received of the strange ailment which broke out aboard the Kaying at Hoihow, establishing it as yellow fever, and there is, therefore, probably, very little cause for anxiety. Doubt of the accuracy of a yellow fever diagnosis is natural enough, for the reason that the Asiatic continent has hitherto escaped any visitation of this particular scourge and short of a miracle, there would seem to no conceivable means whereby yellow fever infection could have been passed on. Were it otherwise, there would be much more alarm than has yet been revealed over the incident. Yellow fever spreads rapidly. It is mosquito-borne and the disease develops within five days of the infected bite. The particular mosquito which conveys it is known to exist in swarms in Hong Kong and other parts of the Far East. It is certain, therefore, that if by any chance yellow fever were introduced in this part of the world, drastic steps would be taken to prevent the appalling ravages which otherwise would certainly follow.

The Kaying case stands doubted because of its isolation and because the vessel had not passed out of Chinese waters, though the stringent precautions taken on arrival of the ship in Hong Kong were undoubtedly well advised, just in case.

One thing the incident does, however, bring once again to the forefront is the necessity for a careful watch upon passengers using the great air routes of the world. Sea travel carried with it perils of the spreading of disease from continent to continent, but the time taken from, say, Africa to China eliminated the risk of conveyance of some of the worst of Africa's scourges. The development of air travel has changed things much for the worse and increasing attention will have to be given to this problem as time goes on. The quickening of travel has eliminated a margin of safety.

Experts sometimes have a habit of making the flesh of laymen creep by emphasising the danger of disease visitations. And the yellow fever menace, with the possibility of its transmission from Africa to Asia is one of them. It is not so many years ago that, as the result of a warning by Sir Malcolm Watson, grave apprehensions arose that Colombo was not immune from this peril. And if Colombo became infected it would not be long before it appeared as a regular item on the list of the Far East Bureau.

Fortunately that has not happened, but it will not hurt to bear in mind that the warnings of experts are intended to rouse the authorities that guard public health out of complacency and not to breed uneasiness in the public mind. It must not be thought that nothing is being done to combat such dangers. The acting Director of the League of Nations Eastern Bureau at Singapore recently made a reassuring statement on this subject. He said that after long and careful study of the habits of the yellow fever mosquito and of the means of diagnosing the early stages of the disease, an International Convention has recently been ratified. As a result, the Singapore Bureau is kept informed by cable of the arrival of passengers arriving in India from yellow-fever-infected areas in Africa and of their destinations in Asia. The information is broadcast for the benefit of aeroplanes, aerodromes and health authorities along the air routes who take the necessary preventive action. The link of Hong Kong with Empire air routes and the possibility of a service from Africa to Ceylon direct can convert what once seemed a remote and rather exaggerated danger into a tangible menace. It is imperative that health authorities everywhere should enforce regulations as stringent as those that are now in operation in India in regard to passengers arriving by air.

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Castor Oil & Discipline

The announcement that steps are to be taken in Italy to control the growing of castor oil plants as part of a scheme for "disciplining the production of castor oil" can hardly help but remind many readers that there seems to be a somewhat close connection between "discipline" and castor oil in the land of the Duce. But when last we heard of that subject in connection with an extract that is rarely loved for itself alone it was the takers who were being disciplined and not the growers. And the takers, poor things, were under the compulsion of something stronger than doctor's orders.

Perhaps the treatment proved effective. At any rate, the new regulations about castor oil plant growing in Italy are concerned with restricting the crops. It seems reasonable to assume that the oil itself is no longer required in quite such large quantities. Perhaps castor oil is now only required for strictly medicinal purposes.

Will The Isthmus Of Kra Be Cut?

That statements attributed to the Premier regarding the Kra Canal appearing in the American journal "Asia" are emphatically denied by the Premier Colonel Phya Bahol in a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs was disclosed when the Foreign Minister was interviewed at Bangkok regarding this latest canard.

The Premier denies giving any interview on the subject of the Asia article whatever.

The "interview" which appeared in an article entitled "Britain Faces Japan Across Siam" is reprinted below:

A TANGIBLE IDEA

Talk of a canal across the Isthmus of Kra will not go down, even though the first spade brought to the Isthmus might well mean a large-scale war. The article, "Siam, Pivot of Asia?" by Andrew A. Freeman in the May, 1936, issue of this magazine was criticised for giving prominence to the report that Japan might finance the building of such a canal. Authoritative spokesmen have denied that there is any basis for the rumour. Yet the fact remains that a Kra canal is a very tangible idea, not a figment of the journalist's imagination.

This was impressed upon me in a private interview on the canal question which I had with the Prime Minister, Colonel Phya Bahol, Siam's strong man and hero of a half dozen revolutions. During this interview, which took place in the Paruskavan Palace at Bangkok Phya Bahol developed the idea of an international committee, composed of the chief powers interested in shipping in that part of the world. Siam, he stated, would be ready to cede, a neutral canal zone to such a committee, provided the interested powers would be willing and able to guarantee, in turn, the lasting neutrality of Siam.

It hardly seems from this that Siam regards the building of a canal as preposterous or even unfeasible, provided the circumstances are favourable. But Siam has no desire to become the theatre of a British-Japanese conflict.

THREAT TO BRITISH EMPIRE

What are the facts about a projected shipping canal across the Isthmus of Kra—a rumour or possibility which has been viewed with alarm in British quarters? Such a canal, constructed via the Pakdham River emptying into the Bay of Bengal, and across the narrow Isthmus to the Gulf of Siam, would be strategically important because it would open another door from the Pacific into the Indian Ocean. If the Japanese dominated the canal, they would be enabled to threaten the very heart of the British Empire.

On the other hand it may not be generally realised that the southern end of Burma would be part of the northern bank of the canal. Here on Victoria Point, Britain already has an airport, over-looking the western entrance to the canal. The little island of St. Matthew, which dominates this entrance, is also British. The canal would lie actually within the range of British guns.

The advantages of a Kra canal in cutting the trade route between Europe of India and the Far East by two to four days have been frequently enumerated. (Pacific Affairs published a well documented article in September, 1936). It is obvious that this short cut would mean the end of Singapore, which built her fortunes on the assumption that there was only one door between the Indian and the Pacific oceans. Either Bangkok or the new canal port, on the other hand, would enter the ranks of the world's great harbours. The hinterland would be opened and a rich and powerful Siam would emerge.

Seen from Japan, the advantages of a Kra canal would not be limited to a shorter and therefore cheaper way to the vast markets of India. There is also the strategic value—the threat to Britain—provided of course Japan financed the canal and made it virtually a Japanese highway.

FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT

Before considering the possible consequences of a step like this, we should make it clear that the rumours start from a wrong point. The assumption that the project involves a huge expenditure and must therefore be financed by a powder other than Siam does not hold true. The Isthmus of Kra is twenty-five miles wide. There are no rocks to blast through, requiring expensive equipment.

The canal region consists of soft alluvial soil. The water level on both sides of the Isthmus is the same; no locks are necessary. Labour is cheap; conscript labour might even be used. Siam could finance a canal without foreign aid. The reason why it has not as yet done so is obvious: Siam would scarcely care to offend Britain, which controls, the western end of the proposed canal.

Until very recently Siam has been a sphere of British influence. British advisers in vital state departments decided Siam's policy. King Prajadhipok, who ruled up to 1932 as an absolute monarch, was considered because of his definitely pro-British attitude, as the most solid guarantee for the continuation of this state of affairs. But the coup d'etat of 1932, transforming the absolute monarchy into a constitutional one, marked the beginning of the decline of Anglo-Siamese friendship. A series of coups d'etat followed.

Finally the King went to Europe. Whether the constitutional People's Party, which was victorious through those revolutions, has or had at any time anti-British feelings, cannot be decided. However, I was told, during my recent visit to Siam, that the King's expenses for the salaries of his British advisers were creating discontent among the heavily taxed population.

The British policy has been a mistaken one. When King Prajadhipok, in 1934, went to England, he is reliably understood to have asked for a couple of British gunboats for his return to Siam. Great Britain missed this last chance to keep Siam in vassalage. The King did not return and Siam has come of age.

BRITISH INFLUENCE WANING

And so the British influence has been dwindling rapidly while Japan has made successful efforts to occupy the vacant place of tutor. In line with this development, the Siamese Consulate General at Singapore, Siam's most important link with the British Empire, was reduced in 1934 to a mere consulate and the brother of the Siamese Minister to Tokyo was installed as the consul there. At Kobe and Nagoya, two new honorary consuls were appointed in March, 1935.

A further connection was made when the Japanese trade mission visited Siam in the spring of 1936. The Chairman of the group of ten business men was Mr. Yonosuk Yasukawa, retired head of the Mitsui concern. Shortly after, a government railway order was awarded to the Mitsui Company. Mitsui has just finished a new office building at Bangkok and now employs twenty Japanese instead of the three or four employed heretofore.

The low buying power of the population, partly an outcome of the autocratic misrule, has made low-priced Japanese commodities particularly welcome in Siam. Japanese exports to Siam were worth Y18,000,000 in 1933; Y40,000,000 in 1935. The increase continued through 1936. Before 1931, there was not a single Japanese ship calling regularly at Bangkok.

To-day, four recently built, high-speed, six-thousand-ton Diesel boats of the Mitsui line and three O.S.K. steamers operate a fortnightly service between Japan and Bangkok. Business was so good that both O.S.K. and Mitsui raised the freight rate on general goods ten per cent. on December 1, 1935.

JAPANESE EXPLOITATION

What this development means for the British, especially for the Lancashire export trade, is shown in the following figures (one baht equals U.S. 0.45 dollars). Imports from Singapore plus imports from the United Kingdom were worth 23,500,000 bahts in 1933—1934 as compared to 14,600,000 from Japan; in 1934—1935 the figures were 25,400,000 for the British, 21,100,000 for the Japanese. Sixty-five per cent. of the Japanese goods sent into Siam are cotton textiles.

On March 21, 1936, the Siamese government promulgated a new tariff, marked by a general reduction.

Although the balance of trade is still overwhelmingly in favour of Japan (Siamese exports to Japan in 1935 totalled Y5,500,000) there is a prospect of its compensation by a large-scale exploitation of Siam's natural resources, such as rubber, tin and teakwood. A number of Japanese cotton experts arrived in Siam recently and a Japanese professor of agricultural economics is being employed. Within the past four years, Siam's cotton production was trebled.

There were two hundred and eighty-five Japanese in Siam in 1919. The number increased only by ten up to 1929. It is now estimated by Japanese sources at one thousand. The Japanese in Siam, however, are not permanent settlers. Most of them represent Japanese firms. Siam has never been considered as a potential outlet for Japan's excess population.

What, then, is behind Japan's growing interest in her newly developed friendship with Siam? If one learns that Siamese navy officers and cadets are trained aboard Japanese vessels, that Siamese army officers are going to Japanese schools instead of western ones, and that Japanese budget contains provisions for a proposed Tokyo-Bangkok airline, one cannot help wondering as to the justification of so close a co-operation for merely economic reasons.

British quarters became rather nervous when Commander Ohno, until recently Japan's naval attache at Bangkok, was said to have stated, "There is a considerable number of protagonists in Siam of an Asiatic League, with Japan as its leader." This was shortly before the Japanese trade mission had gone to Siam.

Immediately after this successful visit, Siam's Foreign Minister, Luang Pradit Manudharm, felt impelled to calm the growing nervousness abroad by a statement in which he denied that Siam favoured one country above another and emphasised Siam's friendly financial relations with Britain. This statement, though it was read "with interest and satisfaction in British official circles," missed the point. What worried Downing Street was the projected Kra canal.

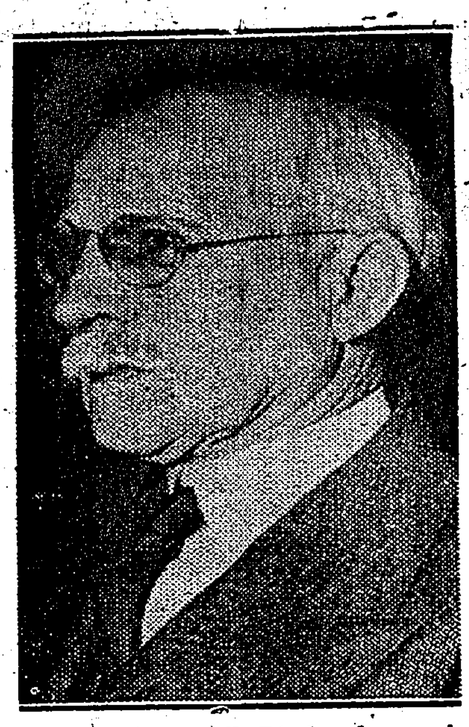
BRITAIN AWAKE

With the prospect of Japan trying to cut the neck of Singapore, Britain rushed to keep the "balance of power" on the Isthmus of Kra. A revision of the British-Siamese treaty relations is reported to be under way. It might be too late, though. Japan's Pan-Asia doctrine and the appeal of Buddhist relationship may finally outflank the British financial advisers.

The tremendous strategic importance of Siam for the domination of Southeast Asia was never so obvious as at this moment. The Japanese-German pact with its reported secret clause aiming at the division of the Netherlands Indies into spheres of German and Japanese influence shows the direction of Japan's southern expansion. A base in Siam offers excellent facilities to jump on the Netherlands Indies and also to attack Singapore, which is supposed to project the Dutch colonies, from the rear. The true significance of Siam reveals itself, however, in connection with the canal project.

It must be viewed with deep regret that a peaceful neutralising plan such as Prime Minister Phya Bahol suggests has no chance to be realised. The projected canal of Kra is one of the most reasonable schemes ever brought forward to facilitate the trade and traffic of the world. Political jealousy should not prevent its realisation. The question might be asked, Whether British policy is right in blocking the way instead of opening it.

Here, too, the German-Japanese understanding throws a new light on the problem. Phya Bahol is a graduate of the Prussian Military Academy at Berlin-Lihterfelde. He is a classmate of General Goering. A situation may arise when a combination of powers exclusive of Britain forces the door open. At present the sway of western countries may still balance Japan's prestige. In the meantime British millions are pouring into the defences of Singapore.



George A. Ball, 74, head man in control of the $3,000,000,000 Van Sweringen rail empire, announced at Muncie, Ind., that he would devote the proceeds of his stock holdings to the creation of a charitable foundation. The Van Sweringen estate threatens a suit, and several U. S. Senators demand an investigation.

Kathleen Tinva, Holland's own Shirley Temple, is shown exploring the double-decker bed in the children's room of the Community Home Builders' model house at the annual Exposition of Women's Arts and Industries in New York City.

ALBANIAN INSURRECT

ARMY IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tirana (Albania), To-day.

The attempted coup d'etat which broke out in the Albanian town of Argyrokastro on Saturday night has been completely quelled, says an official announcement, the Government troops having succeeded in restoring order throughout the district.

A short but sharp encounter occurred in the mountain pass of Proci, which virtually broke the back of the revolt.

Here the rebels, led by the former Minister Etem Toto, were routed by the Government forces and retreated in disorder.

Ismet Toto, brother of the rebel leader, and several others were killed.

Following up their victory, the Government troops took Pepelen and Argyrokastro without opposition.

The official report of the abortive revolt says that "Evidence found on the dead and prisoners proves conclusively that the affair was the result of Communist agitation." — Trans-Ocean.

HEART BEATS BY WIRELESS

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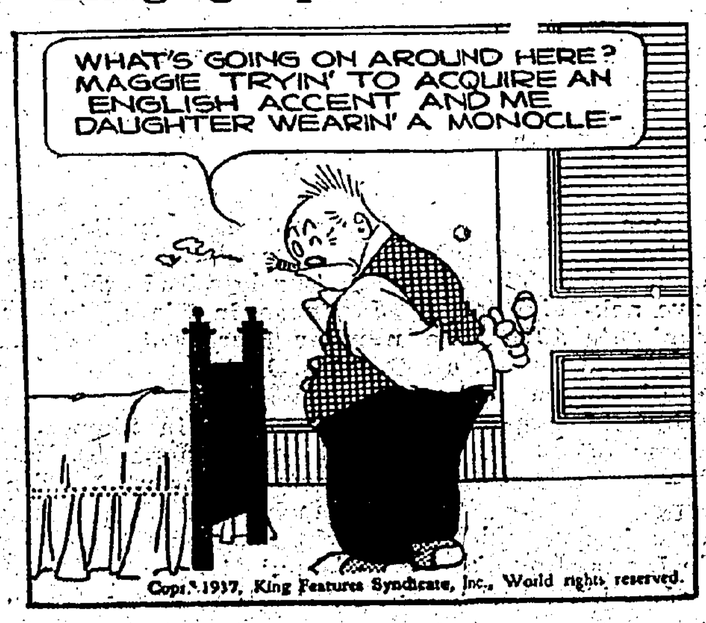

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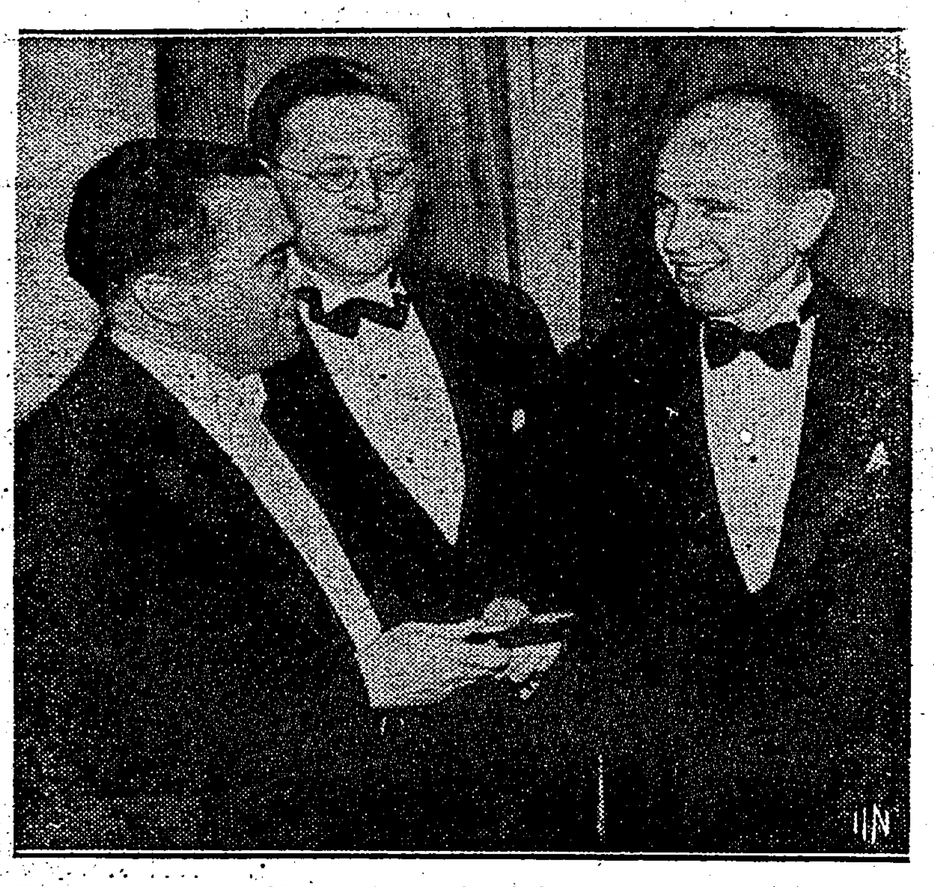

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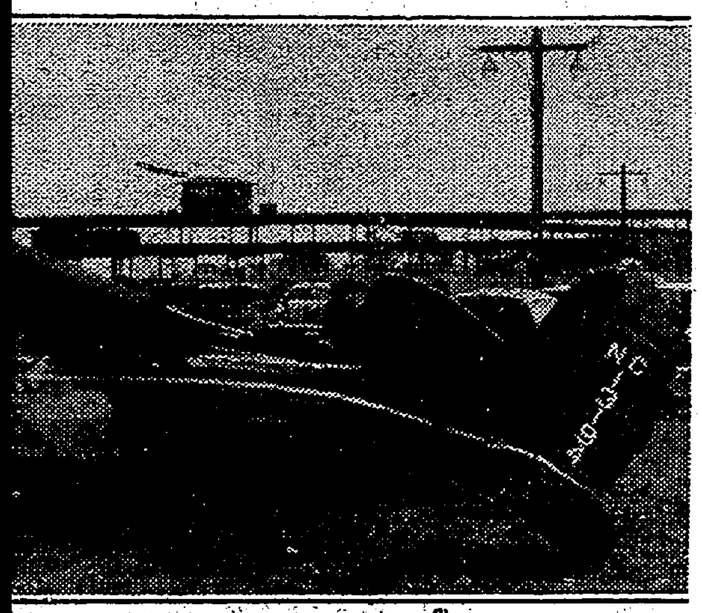

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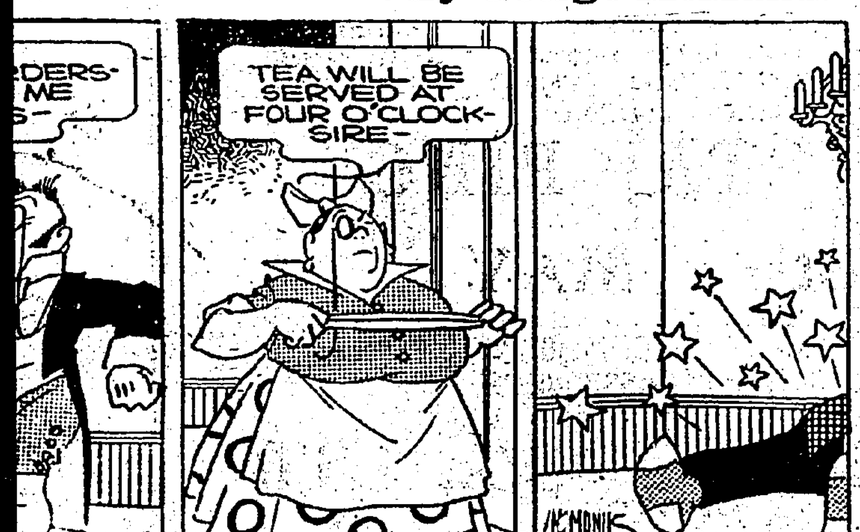

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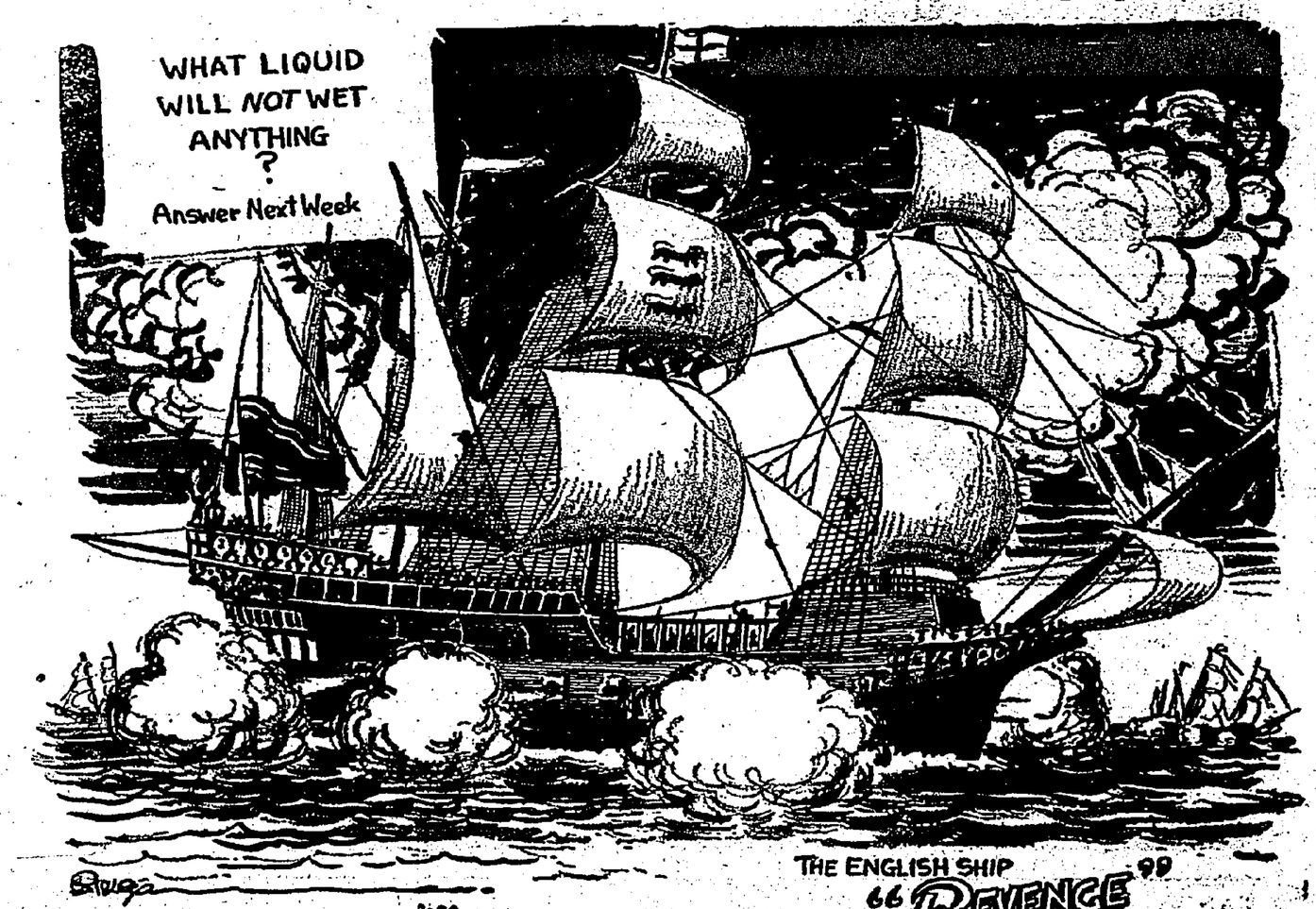

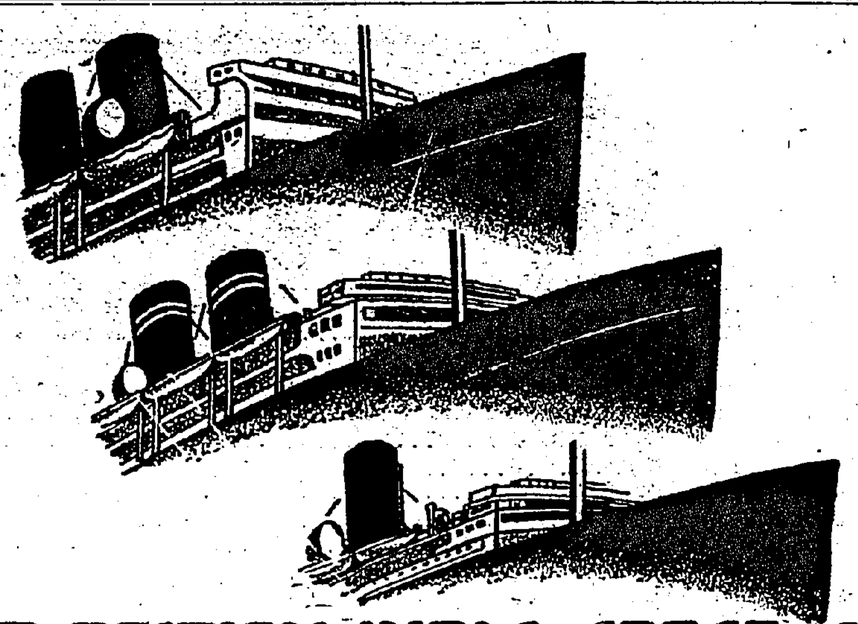

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NALDERA	16,000	26th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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SIRDHANA.....	8,000	27th May	Amoy, Shanghai and Japan.
NALDERA	16,000	27th May	Shanghai & Japan
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	Parcels, ...	May 18, 9 a.m.
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	Ord., ...	May 18, 10.30 a.m.
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	Reg., ...	May 18, 10.30 a.m.
	Ord., ...	May 18, 11 a.m.
Saigon, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles.	Porthos	Tues., May 18. G.P.O. and K.P.O.
(Due Marseilles, 18th June).	Reg., ...	May 18, 10.45 a.m.
	Ord., ...	May 18, 11.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts ..	C.N.A.C. plane	Tues. May 18. G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg., ...	May 18, Noon.
	Ord., ...	May 18, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Tues., May 18, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, *Canada and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia.	President Lincoln	Tues., May 18.
(Due San Francisco June 8).	Parcels.	May 18, 4 p.m.
	Reg., ...	May 18, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	May 18, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai).	C.N.A.C. plane	Tues., May 18. Sheungwan P. O.
	Reg., ...	May 18, 5 p.m.
	Ord., ...	May 18, 7 p.m.
Kowloon P. O.		G. P. O.
Reg., ... May 18, 5 p.m.	Reg., ...	May 18, 5 p.m.
Ord., ... May 18, 5.30 p.m.	Ord., ...	May 19, 5 a.m.
	Wednesday	
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam 31st May	Ajax	Wed., May 19. G. P. O. & K. P. O.
	Reg., ...	May 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Ord., ...	May 19, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th June and London Parcels—due London, 24th June.	Ajax	Wed., May 19. G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Parcels, ...	May 19, 9 a.m.
	Reg., ...	May 19, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord., ...	May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru	Wed., May 19, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Suisang	Wed., May 19.
Parcels .....May 19, 11 a.m.	Ord.	May 19, Noon.
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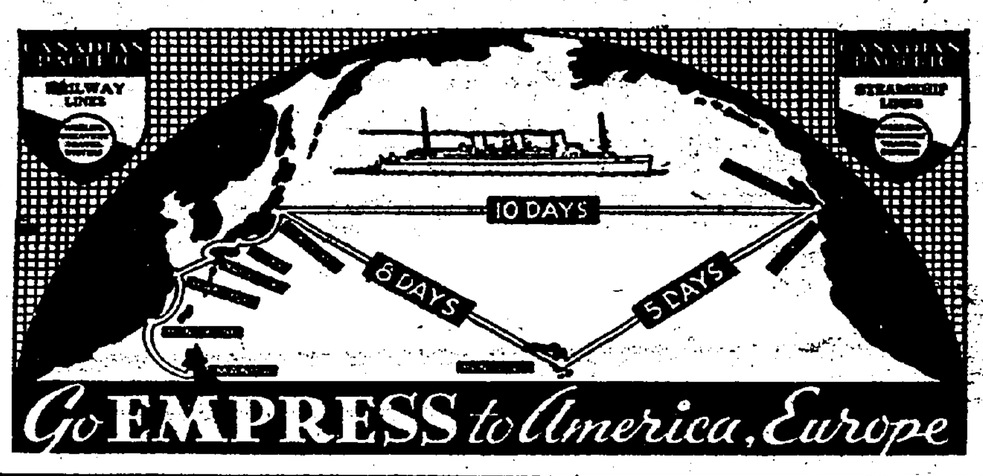

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Canada	July 9	July 11		July 14	July 16	July 23	July 28
Russia	July 23	July 25	July 27	July 29	July 31		Aug. 9
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA at Midnight, May 20th.

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BRITISH TRADE FIGURES

Encouraging Growth Continues

EXPORT INCREASES

London, To-day.

Although the general expansion shown in the overseas trade returns for April is, as for some time past, attributable in a considerable degree to rising prices, the increase is such as to point to a real and continued improvement in international trade.

Reduced to working day averages, imports in April were valued at £3,187,342 compared with £2,777,651 in the same month of last year.

Exports were valued at £1,654,886 against £1,392,797 a year ago and re-exports at £279,788 and £246,752 respectively.

£7,348,674 of the total increase of £9,599,887 in the value of exports of United Kingdom goods last months as compared with April, 1936, is accounted for by exports of manufactures and the cotton and the iron and steel industries show large increases.

Exports of cotton yarns and manufactures in April were valued at £5,855,168, a rise of £1,252,195 over the previous April.

In the first quarter of 1937, 47.2 per cent. of exports went to British countries compared with 48.4 per cent. in the same period of 1936.—British Wireless.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber.

	Buyers:
Spot	35½ up ½
June	35¾ up ½
July/Sept	35⅞ up ⅜
Oct/Dec	36 up ½

Market: Quiet.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" is due at Kobe to-morrow at 7.00 a.m. and leaves for Yokohama at 6.00 p.m.

The B.I Steam Ship Santhia will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on Saturday at 10.30 a.m.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Hong Kong Bank $1862½ b., $1865 sa.
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Peak Trams (New) $1¼ b.
Star Ferries $86 s.
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China Lights (Old) $14¼ b.
H. K. Electrics $60½ b.
Macao Electrics $18 b.
Sandakan Lights $12½ b.
Telephones (Old) $29¼ b.
Telephones (New) $12.60 s.

INDUSTRIALS

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Shanghai Cottons (Old) Sh.$117 b.
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E. Mindanao	.21
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I. X. L.	.65
Itogons	.85
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MARCH EXPORTS RECORD

BRITAIN'S BEST IN 6 YEARS

£5,000,000 INCREASE ON LAST MONTH

British exports last month were valued at £43,469,623—the highest figure since November, 1930.

The Board of Trade returns show that British exports in March exceeded those in February by £4,899,586, and those in March of last year by £6,960,071.

In comparison with March of last year imports were up by £14,691,155, and re-exports rose by £817,029. The figures are:

	March, 1937.	March, 1936.
Imports	£82,691,379	£68,000,224
Exports	43,469,623	36,509,552
Re-exports	6,716,840	5,899,811

Trade in the first quarter of the present year showed a substantial increase over the corresponding period last year, as the following figures show:

	Jan. to March.	Increase over 1936.
Imports	£229,533,479	£29,383,298
Exports	121,120,616	15,039,638
Re-exports	18,752,835	2,891,167

Manufactured Goods Rise

The first quarter of this year, compared with the first three months of last year, saw the value of exports of British manufactured goods rise to £93,759,156, an increase of £10,928,441. Every one of the 20 categories into which manufactured articles are subdivided showed an increase. Chief of these were:

Iron and steel	£2,410,764
Vehicles	1,624,584
Cotton yarns and goods	1,005,967
Miscellaneous	812,419
Chemicals, drugs, dyes	794,140
Machinery	767,796

Exports of raw materials were up by £2,970,204. The largest item under this heading was coal, exports of which rose by £829,900 to £7,462,290.

It is noted that shipments of coal to Italy have been resumed.

The largest increase during the first quarter of this year in raw materials was shown by wool, exports of which were up by £1,235,779.

Raw Material Purchases

The steep rise in imports during the first quarter of this year was mainly due to the heavy purchases of raw materials. The value of imported raw materials was £72,840,758, an increase of £12,048,661. The largest rises were:

Cotton	£3,778,027
Wood and timber	£1,784,938
Seeds and nuts for oil	£1,777,780
Hides and skins	£1,629,267

Imports under the heading of food, drink, and tobacco rose by £8,754,751, although imports of tobacco fell by the large amount of £1,243,972.

Grain and flour imports were up by the huge sum of £7,181,375, owing to the recent rises in the price of wheat. Meat imports increase by £1,203,194, beverages by £450,528, and "other food" by £364,402.

Imports of manufactured and partly-manufactured goods were higher by £8,611,077. The chief increases were nonferrous metals, £3,828,797, and machinery, £1,419,490.

More Factories Built

There was a substantial increase in factory building in Great Britain last year. The estimated cost of factories and workshops for which plans were approved by Local Authorities in 146 of the principal towns of the country was £10,061,200 compared with £7,669,500 in the preceding year. The North and West Midland counties (population 3,213,000) led with a figure of £4,429,900, followed by outer London (population 2,702,000) with £1,915,900, and Lancashire and Cheshire (population 3,091,000) with £1,257,400.

The value of houses built throughout the country fell slightly in 1936 to £75,661,800 from £78,429,100 in 1935, but the cost of all classes of buildings was higher at £117,032,100, compared with £114,307,800 in 1935. The trend in building construction has been upwards for many years, and even the "crisis" years of 1931 and 1932 only produced a comparatively small setback, since when there has been a very steep increase.

COLLOIDAL FUEL SUPPLY PLAN

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I learn that the colloidal fuel — a blend of 60 per cent. crude oil and 40 per cent. powdered coal, has been subjected to test on a much wider scale than is generally known, and extending back over five years, writes Hector Bywater.

The experimental stage is now ended, and, I understand, the discussions which the Cunard Steamship Co. has had recently with certain oil and coal interests may result in the erection of plants for the production of colloidal fuel in very large quantities.

It is estimated that for a capital outlay of £250,000 a plant capable of supplying the entire oil-burning merchant fleet of Great Britain could be erected.

Preference, however, is given to the project of building smaller plants at various United Kingdom ports, where ships could bunker ex-wharf and save transport charges.

After the first successful experiment with colloidal fuel in the Scythia — 19,761 tons, 16½ knots — other Cunard ships were supplied with certain quantities of the mixture to be burned under one or more boilers.

Varied Coals Tried

Consistently good results were obtained, I am informed, and it was finally decided to operate several boilers of the 52,000-ton liner Berengaria, which has a speed of 23 knots, on this fuel. In this case also the trial was quite successful.

Other ships which have burned the colloidal fuel in an auxiliary capacity are the Carinthia — 20,277 tons and 16½ knots — and several vessels of the Alaunia class — 14,000 tons and 15 knots.

The first Cunard colloidal fuel was manufactured by the Wallsend-on-Tyne Slipway and Engineering Co., using ordinary marine fuel oil and Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland coal. Subsequently coal fom Lancashire and Derbyshire and bituminous coal from Monmouthshire were tried and found suitable.

Technically the new fuel gives the same results as oil fuel, though it is appreciably cheaper.

A confidential report on the results was submitted by the Cunard Co. to the Board of Trade. Since then the Admiralty is understood to have been kept fully informed of developments.

INDUSTRY IN RUSSIA

Review Of The I.L.O.

Interesting details of the industrial development of the Soviet Union are given in the weekly organ of the International Labour Office at Geneva.

In 1936, the output of the undertakings attached to the Commissariat of Heavy Industry (33,064.3 million roubles) increased by 33 per cent. in comparison with 1935, and exceeded by 5.5 per cent. the programme prescribed for the Commissariat.

The increase in the average output is estimated at 25.5 per cent. for the first eleven months of 1936, while during the period January—September, the cost of production fell by 5.6 per cent. For the first time the output of steel (16,300,000 tons, as against 12,500,000 tons in 1935) was higher than that of cast-iron (14,500,000 tons, as against 12,500,000 tons in 1935), while the output of rolled steel increased from 9,400,000 tons to 12,300,000 tons.

The results achieved were largely due to better use being made of machinery and plant. The coefficient of production of the blast furnaces changed to 1.2 from 1.08, while the output of steel from Martin furnaces reached 4.60 tons per square metre of open hearth, as against 3.84 tons in 1935. The productive effect of this improvement corresponds to an annual average output of 10 new blast furnaces and 15 new Martin furnaces.

The amount of coal brought to the surface was 122,700,000 tons, as against 108,900,000 in 1935, representing about 95 per cent. of the prescribed figure. The average daily amount extracted, which was 362,200 tons in December, 1935, fell continuously during the first six months of 1936, and was 309,600 tons in July of that year, but thereafter it rose gradually to about 355,000 tons in December, 1936. The extraction of petroleum, which increased from 26,800,000 tons in 1935 to 29,200,000 tons in 1936, was only about 2.7 per cent. below the prescribed programme, though in 1934 and 1935 the petroleum output fell short of the programme by 16.5 per cent. and 11.8 per cent., respectively.

The speed of boring operations exceeded the provisions of the second Five-Year Plan. The greatest rise in output (41 per cent.) took place in the mechanical-engineering industry. The number of lorries built increased from 77,700 in 1935 to 134,000 in 1936, and the number of tractors from 154,100 to about 170,000. On the other hand, the construction of goods wagons (for the Commissariat of Railways) fell from 85,400 to 68,000, which was 15 per cent. below the prescribed programme. — "Engineering."

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Hong Kong, 1st January, 1935.

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Issued and Fully Paid-up .. 20,000,000
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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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FOR THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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Interest allowed for Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on applications.

Y. KANO,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1937.

THE
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(Incorporated in China)

Capital paid up .....$5,000,000.
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FIREFLY PAYS ITS BACKERS $58.30

SMALL DIVIDENDS AT FIFTH EXTRA MEET

MR. H. C. PIH'S PROTEST OVER-RULED

JOURNALIST'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

A SOGGY track as the result of heavy rainfall soon after the second race, made the going difficult in the second day's racing of the Fifth Extra Race Meeting, held at Happy Valley yesterday, and featured by very small dividends, the best of which was Firefly's effort in the last event of the day, the Green Island Handicap, when it unexpectedly came second to pay its backers $58.30 each.

IN THE SECOND RACE, THE BONDI HANDICAP FOR AUSTRALIAN PONIES, MR. H. C. PIH, RIDING DOUBLE FINESSE, LODGED A PROTEST AGAINST MR. B. A. PROULX, WHO RODE THE WINNER LANCASHIRE CHIPS, FOR INTERFERENCE, BUT THE STEWARDS OVER-RULED THE OBJECTION.

There was an amazing incident in the Press Box worthy of recording, when one of the heavy plate glass windows which are manoeuvred up and down by means of a pulley, crashed unsuspectingly onto the head of Mr. F. M. el Arculli, a Sub-Editor of the "H. K. Daily Press," who was attempting to hold the window up in order to obtain a clearer vision, while a Chinese coolie worked the pulley lever; this taking place soon after the third race.

Although Mr. Arculli's head crashed right through the thick plate glass, he was miraculously unharmed except for a scratch on one cheek, and a cut finger when he attempted to lift the remains from his shoulders. Actually Mr. Arculli's head was portruding through a maze of jagged edges and he was extremely lucky to have got off so lightly.

1.—12.30 P.M.—Beaufort Plate. — From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In.

Lan's Scenic View, 157 lb., ... (Mr. P. P. Botelho) 1
Vilas's Apilas, 157 lb., ... (Mr. S. C. Liang) 2
V. M. Grayburn's Ouse, 151 lb., .. (Mr. D. Black) 3

Also ran:—Good Morning, 140 lb., (Mr. S. L. Yuen); King's Coronation, 159 lb., (Mr. B. A. Proulx); and Vira, 151 lb., (Mr. W. G. Poy).

6 starters.

Won by a neck, three lengths. Time: 2.17.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $39.00; places, 1st. $9.20; 2nd. $6.10; 3rd. $8.70.

2.—1.00 P.M.—Bondi Handicap. — Six Furlongs.

Lancashire's Lancashire Chips, 165 lb., ...(Mr. B. A. Proulx) 1
Yeung and Pih's Double Finesse, 135 lb., ...(Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
Eve's Holiday Eve, 150 lb., ... (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 3

Also ran:—Able Amazon, 155 lb., (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Bobniak Star, 144 lb., (Mr. S. C. Liang); Centre Court, 148 lb., (Mr. W. H. S. Davis); Derby Day, 135 lb., (Mr. Tang Man-wa); Electron, 162 lb., (Mr. P. P. Botelho); and Vixen Tor, 130 lb., (Mr. W. G. Poy).

9 starters.

Won by a head, short head. Time: 1.17.1.

Pari-mutuel, winner $13.20; places, 1st. $6.10; 2nd. $8.00; 3rd. $6.70.

	1	2	3
Li & Lis	0	0	5
M. H. T.	0	0	2
Consort	0	0	1
General	0	0	1
S. V. S.	0	0	1
Lim	0	0	1
Ho & Ho	0	0	1
Amscot	0	0	1

There was a dead-heat for first, second and third places (3) and in the Lusitano Cup there were only two starters.

HOW OWNERS FARED

The following table shows how the owners have fared to date:

	1	2	3
L. Dunbar	9	6	4
Lan	7	7	6
Mrs. Dunbar	7	4	2
Eve	6	5	2
Dynasty	6	0	4
Eu Tong-sen	5	12	8
Lancashire	5	2	1
Gordos	5	2	0
L. C. L.	4	2	4
J. F. Macgregor	3	0	0
Why	2	5	3
C. N. K.	2	3	2
Li Shiu-pang	2	2	3
Li Po-chun	2	2	2
Vilas	2	2	0
L. Reidy	2	1	4
T. & E.	2	1	2
Ling	2	1	0
C. B. Brown	2	1	0
Yeung & Pih	2	1	0
Sunshine	2	0	4
Kong Bros.	2	0	0
Helenside	1	2	2
Hem	1	2	1
Fatshan	1	2	1
J. E. D.	1	2	0
Koo & Los	1	2	0
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	1	2	0
F. C. Hall	1	1	3
Mrs. Kwok Hin-wang	1	1	2
Chusta	1	1	2
Wayfoong	1	1	1
Pau	1	1	0
T. M. Gregory	1	1	0
Mrs. Stanton	1	1	0
H. A. Browning	1	1	0
R. M. McLay	1	1	0
Dr. S. N. Chau	1	0	3
Starboard	1	0	3
Chiu Cheong-fan	1	0	3
Tasma	1	0	1
Wong Siu-ngau	1	0	1
A. J. Lewis	1	0	0
Choice	1	0	0
Harbrad	1	0	0
Johnson & Alabaster	1	0	0
V. M. Grayburn	0	5	5
Diamonds	0	5	0
Rojon	0	2	1
C. W. K.	0	2	0
L. T. F.	0	2	0
Brish	0	1	1
G. Tinson	0	1	1
Weetoo	0	1	1
Mrs. E. H. M. Tinson	0	1	0
Lee Chi-choh	0	1	0
Early Birds	0	1	0
Perak	0	1	0
A. W. Hughes	0	1	0
Meteor	0	1	0

3.—2.30 P.M.—Green Island Handicap.—One Mile.

L. Dunbar's Boolat Bay 161 lb. .. (Mr. D. Black) 1
Diamonds' King's Bounty 147 lb. .. (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 2
Why's Bistre 156 lb. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 3

Also ran:—Amberley 149 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Centre Forward 147 lb. (Mr. Tang Man-wa); Jungle Jim 158 lb. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Pontiac Bay 146 lb. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis); Royal Consort 147 lb. (Mr. J. M. Wood); Royal Highness 136 lb. (Mr. C. L. Gregory); Soldier of China 160 lb. (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

10 starters.

Won by: Half length, the same. Time: 2.0.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $28.70; places, 1st $11.40; 2nd $27.30; 3rd $13.30.

4.—3.00 P.M.—Coronation Plate.—One and a Quarter Miles.

L. Dunbar's Diana Bay 156 lb... (Mr. D. Black) 1
Lan's Cossack's Beauty 158 lb. .... (Mr. P. P. Botelho) 2
Eve's Gladiator 159 lb. ..... (Mr. L. P. Ralph) 3

Also ran:—Honeymoon Eve, 151 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung).

4 starters.

Won by: Two lengths, five lengths. Time: 2.27.2.

Pari-mutuel, winner $8.00; places, 1st $5.40; 2nd $5.80.

5.—3.30 P.M.—Coronation Cup.—One Mile.

Gordos's Gordito 168 lb. ..... (Mr. S. C. Liang) 1
Why's National Anthem 140 lb. ... (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
T. & E.'s Whalsey 147 lb. ..... (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 3

Also ran:—Coronation Day 150 lb. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Happy Venture 136 lb. (Mr. S. L. Yuen); Helephant 143 lb. (Mr. S. W. Tang); Mariposa 140 lb. (Mr. Tang Man-wa); Shipmaster 151 lb. (Mr. D. Black); Tabby Cat 148 lb. (Mr. P. P. Botelho).

9 starters.

Won by: 2 lengths, the same. Time: 2.04.1.

Pari-mutuel, winner $8.00; places, 1st $6.10; 2nd $11.90; 3rd $7.70.

6.—4.00 P.M.—Manly Handicap. — From the 1½ Mile Post. (About 5 Furlongs.

Lancashire's Racing Heart 150 lb... (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 1

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HOW JOCKEYS FARED

The following table shows how the jockeys have fared to date:

	1	2	3	Un.
L. G. Frost	12	11	11	16
D. Black	12	5	7	37
S. C. Liang	9	3	9	36
*F. Marshall	9	1	3	17
N. Deitz	6	9	6	28
*T. L. Wong	6	6	3	14
*D. S. Li	6	1	8	12
B. A. Proulx	5	2	3	7
H. C. Pih	4	12	5	30
*V. C. Sung	4	4	0	11
Ip Kui-ying	3	7	6	23
W. H. S. Davis	3	4	3	37
Y. T. Fung	3	3	5	28
I. C. Harris	3	1	3	25
*E. C. Leighton	2	9	5	12
S. Y. Liang	2	3	3	20
S. L. Yuen	2	3	2	22
L. P. Ralph	2	2	4	15
W. G. Poy	2	2	0	8
*H. M. Pih	2	2	0	23
*J. Pote-Hunt	2	1	0	7
*V. V. Needa	1	6	5	16
S. W. Tang	1	2	2	14
*H. J. Hearne	1	1	2	16
C. L. Gregory	1	1	2	19
P. P. Botelho	1	1	0	8
Choy Wing-chiu	1	0	0	4
R. M. Wood	0	1	1	18
C. F. Chiu	0	0	1	2
F. F. Li	0	0	1	2
J. Akroyd-Hunt	0	0	1	8
Tang Man-wa	0	0	1	19
Yeung Wing Sing	0	0	0	1
Lo Koon-kan	0	0	0	1
H. A. de B. Botelho	0	0	0	1
M. Drysdale	0	0	0	1
Ho Hong-ping	0	0	0	1
Hoo Pak-ming	0	0	0	1
Chiu Ki-fan	0	0	0	2
A. Chadwick-Kew	0	0	0	2
W. H. Choy	0	0	0	2
K. W. Fung	0	0	0	2
S. N. Pau	0	0	0	2
R. M. Sandbach	0	0	0	2
C. T. Kwok	0	0	0	3
J. J. Palmer	0	0	0	3
D. A. Coppin	0	0	0	4
G. W. Sewell	0	0	0	4
R. M. P. Bairnsfather	0	0	0	4
R. S. T. Bowden	0	0	0	7
R. H. Charles	0	0	0	11
K. I. Ip	0	0	1	13

* Visiting riders.

There was a dead-heat for first, second and third places (3) and there were only two starters in the Lusitano Cup race.

Have You Won?

Race 1

No.	1530	$799.40
„	1106	228.40
„	891	114.20

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 398, 67, 424.

Race 2

No.	1298	$779.10
„	346	222.60
„	874	111.30

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 1328, 341, 1690, 159, 228, 1604.

Race 3

No.	836	$925.40
„	631	264.40
„	229	132.20

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 406, 147, 1836, 690, 1543, 101, 1475.

Race 4

No.	1834	$1,101.10
„	1543	314.60
„	1568	157.30

Unplaced runners ($50 each), No.: 927.

Race 5

No.	697	$1,008.00
„	1986	228.00
„	446	144.00

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 70, 2094, 2207, 895, 1505, 1232.

Race 6

No.	1407	$891.80
„	486	254.80
„	1867	127.40

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 917, 529, 2251, 133, 515, 1300, 2108, 908, 2100, 694, 551.

Race 7

No.	1458	1,096.90
„	1694	313.40
„	1601	156.70

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 1741, 116, 1123, 1350, 645.

Race 8

No.	328	$1,211.70
„	2322	346.20
„	42	173.10

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 559, 1847, 1534.

Race 9

No.	2047	$1,120
„	1240	320
„	1959	160

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 737, 22, 663, 550, 2232, 688.

Race 10

No.	591	$2,206.40
„	2331	630.40
„	1783	315.20

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 1606, 2096, 1523, 1629, 952, 1706, 1125, 836.

N. LEE AS NEXT COLONY CHAMPION?

C. ROZA PEREIRA

C. E. Roza-Pereira, above, although not feeling very well, played water-polo for the Great Britain-Portugal team against China last Saturday night at the V.R.C. and scored the winners' only goal.

FIREFLY PAYS ITS BACKERS $58,30

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Why's Saucy Face 157 lb. ..... (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
Helenside's Australian Boy 155 lb. (Mr. L. P. Ralph) 3

Also ran:—Blandford 160 lb. (Mr. W. G. Poy); Brutus, 142 lb., (Mr. S. L. Yuen); Discovery Bay, 144 lb., (Mr. C. L. Gregory); Honey 154 lb. (Mr. P. P. Botelho); Just That 147 lb. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis); Llangollen 151 lb. (Mr. R. S. T. Bowden); Perfect Day 149 lb. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Rooifly 140 lb. (Mr. R. M. Sandbach); Snowy River 151 lb. (Mr. D. Black); Such Fun 149 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung); Violet Queen 150 lb. (Mr. S. C. Liang).

14 starters.

Won by: Short head, the same. Time: 0.58.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $12.70; places, 1st $6.60; 2nd $9.80; 3rd $11.90.

7.—4.30 P.M.—Lama Stakes.—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In.
Lan's Plain View 151 lb. ..... (Mr. Choy Wing Chiu) 1
Rojon's Flybynight 161 lb. ..... (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2
M. H. T.'s Diogenes 161 lb. ..... (Mr. S. W. Tang) 3

Also ran:—Gold Coin 150 lb. (Mr. C. F. Chiu); Laughing Girl 148 lb. (Mr. C. T. Kwok); Miracle 148 lb. (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan); Valorous 151 lb. (Mr. C. L. Gregory); Victoria Hall 150 lb. (Mr. K. I. Ip).

8 starters.

Won by: 3 lengths, a length. Time: 2.15.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $14.50; places, $7.40; 2nd $10.90; 3rd 14.40.

8.—5.00 P.M.—Pineapple Handicap.—One and a Quarter Miles.
Kong Bros.'s Dawn Star 152 lb. .. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) 1
Pau's King's Justice 146 lb. ..... (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
L. Reidy's New Star 156 lb. ..... (Mr. R. M. Wood) 3

Also ran:—King's Lead 144 lb. (Mr. S. C. Liang); Red Feather 143 lb. (Mr. D. Black); Rose-Queen 151 lb. (Mr. B. A. Proulx).

6 starters.

Won by: A length, short head. Time: 2.30.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $22.80; places, 1st $8.40; 2nd $11.30; 3rd $9.20.

9.—5.30 P.M.—Smugglers' Plate.—From the 1½ Mile Post (About 5 Furlongs).
R. M. McLay's Mac's Adventure 145 lb. .... (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 1
Meteor's Weedon Seat 150 lb. ..... (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 2
Amscot's March Brown 152 lb. ..... (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 3

Also ran:— China Clipper, 147 lb., (Mr. H. C. Pih); Declasse, 150 lb., (Mr. Tang Man-wa); Inca, 147 lb., (Mr. D. Black); Ling Long, 142 lb., (Mr. S. W. Tang); Persian Cat, 147 lb., (Mr. P. P. Botelho); Radium, 148 lb., (Mr. Ip Kui-ying).

9 starters. Won by short head, half length. Time: 1.11.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $32.30; places, 1st $11.90; 2nd 15.70; 3rd $19.40.

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CORONATION GALA WAS GREAT SUCCESS ALL-ROUND

CHINESE WILL REGAIN THEIR BREAST-STROKE TITLE

(By "CRAWL")

I DO not think that anyone will disagree with me when I state that the most successful sporting function seen over the Coronation festivities was the International Swimming Gala held under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club last Saturday night to commemorate the Coronation, when several budding Colony champions were seen in action.

Among the outstanding performances of the evening, China claimed three in securing first places in the 100 yards free-style, through Norman Lee, the 100 yards breast-stroke, through Ng Kam-to, and the 100 Yards back-stroke through Ng Lin. Lee came very near to shattering Noel Hammond's Interport mark for the 100 yards free-style, and was very unfortunate to strike the ropes halfway back in his final length. As it was he was only two-fifths of a second outside of Wilfred Lawrence's best local time. I think that Lee will offer a very strong challenge for the sprint events in the coming championships.

Ng Kam-to was certainly a surprise in the 100 Yards breast-stroke, while Enrique Chan, who swam over the same distance in this department, in the Medley Relay, was himself not far off Kwok Chun-hang's time. China certainly seem to have the pick of the breast-stroke swimmers and unless Marques can fall back into line, the Colony title will once again revert to China as in the old days.

Probably the greatest disappointment of the evening was the non-appearance of J. R. "Jimmy" Johnstone, the former Colony swimming champion, who dropped out of the 100 Yards individual event. Although he would probably not have stood a chance against Norman Lee and Oliveira, he was at least the best man Great Britain could have turned out.

LAST MINUTE CHANGES

Great Britain were most unfortunate in having to make several changes in their Free Style relay team, but owing to several last minute unavoidable circumstances there was no other course open to them. Anslow, one of their fastest men over the 50 yards, was down with laryngitis.

The 100 Yards free-style was disappointing in that Lawrence did not swim, and, as a result, Oliveira, who is purely a 50 yards sprinter, was hopelessly out of the picture, although he and Hamilton, the Great Britain representative, were featured in a thrilling struggle. I feel that had Hamilton been given more opportunity of training with a better class of swimmer, he would probably have beaten Oliveira. He is a pretty swimmer besides having a good finish.

BAD TURN

Ng Lin, who beat Roza-Pereira in the 100 Yards Back-stroke, should really have been disqualified for an illegal turn, but as the gala was purely on a friendly international basis, I suppose the judges passed over his infringement. The turn in the back-stroke event must be made on the back and on no occasion is a swimmer allowed to plunge off from the wall sideways, or on his stomach, and then turn over onto his back. Ng Lin will have to learn the correct method of turning before the Colony championships.

Marques was very foolish to attempt to swim two 100 yard breast-stroke distances on the same programme, and his collapse after leaving the bath in the Medley Relay was not totally unexpected. He made a quick recovery, however, and was none the worse for his experience later on in the evening.

GOOD DIVING TALENT

The Exhibition Diving revealed some excellent talent among both the Chinese and Service divers, while Ed. da Roza, the Colony champion, staged a comeback with an amazing display, just failing to make a good entry in his two attempts at a two-and-a-half somersault.

Pte. Nicholl, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, is also a very useful man off the boards, but his lack of inches may turn the tide against him in the Colony championships, for with his jerky style of approach, he may take some time to get used to the V.R.C. boards. E. Fowler, of the Y.M.C.A., experienced the same difficulty and could not get the maximum out of the board.

DEFENDERS SHINE

The water-polo match which brought the programme to a conclusion, was very evenly contested and the defences on both sides easily outshone the attacking lines.

The Great Britain-Portugal combined team were lacking in understanding and their forwards did not lie far enough up the bath with the result they had to force they their way through the Chinese backs. C. E. Roza-Pereira scored a characteristic goal, and, as he brings off the same trick in all his games I would have thought that Fung Kwok-wa, who was marking him at the time, would have had a counter ready, but the Chinese pivot was hopelessly beaten.

10.—6.00 P.M.—Green Island Handicap.—One Mile.
L. Dunbar's Commencement Day, 161 lb. ..... (Mr. D. Black) 1
Rojon's Firefly, 135 lb. ..... (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Evelyn, 165 lb. (Mr. B. A. Proulx) 3

Also ran:—King's Highway, 141 lb., (Mr. R. M. Sandbach); Laughing Buddha, 153 lb., (Mr. H. C. Pih); Laughing Cavalier, 140 lb., (Mr. Tang Man-wa); National Spirit, 142 lb., (Mr. S. W. Tang); Sylvandale, 151 lb., (Mr. L. P. Ralph); Tiny Star, 145 lb., (Mr. Ip Kui-ying); Wild Cat, 161 lb., (Mr. P. P. Botelho); Ythan, 146 lb., (Mr. C. L. Gregory).

11 starters.

Won by:—Four lengths, a head. Time: 2.0.7.

Pari-mutuel, winner $11.00; places, 1st $7.60; 2nd $58.30; 3rd $11.40.

E. M. Marques, above, collapsed soon after leaving the water at the V.R.C. Pool last Saturday night when the 100 Yards breast-stroke in the 300 Yards Medley Relay event, proved too much for him following his effort in the individual event.

ENGLAND SOCCER TOURISTS

Convincing Win In Sweden

Stockholm, To-day.

England yesterday won the second match in their Continental football tour when they defeated Sweden by 4 goals to 0. All the goals were scored in the first half.

The scorers were Steele (Stoke City) 3, Johnson (Stoke).

England had previously beaten Norway by 6 goals to 0.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP

Belgium Too Good For Switzerland

Brussels, To-day.

Belgium defeated Switzerland by 4 matches to 1 in the second round of the Davis Cup contest here yesterday.—Reuter.

F.A. COMMISSION DISMISS APPEAL

HOLDER TIES FOR NAVY GOLF TITLE

Ulyat's Vital Missed Putt At 18th Hole

REPLAY MUST BE HELD

London, April 22.

Sub.-Lt. A. R. Moore, making his first appearance in the event, and Rev. E. S. Ulyat, holder and seven times winner of the title, tied at 156 in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Championship yesterday over 36 holes on the East and West courses of the Wentworth Club. They will replay for the title on a date to be arranged.

In the morning on the more difficult West course, Moore had a score of 82, taking three putts on each of five greens, but he returned 74 on the East course. Ulyat took 77 for the East course and 79 on the West.

Ulyat needed a 3 at the last hole to win the championship. He was on the green in two fine shots, and only two yards away from the pin. but failed to hole the putt. Throughout Ulyat's putting was erratic, but he played splendidly in other departments, and was only once bunkered during the two rounds.

Moore had a bad patch in the middle of his second round. After going well over the ninth green with his second shot, he took three putts for a 6 and he had a 5 at the short 10th, where he took two to clear a bunker.

REFEREE SECRETARY IN QUANDARY

SPECIAL MEETING TO BE CALLED

HOME SOCCER SENSATION

London, April 23.

A SPECIAL Commission of the Football Association, sitting in Birmingham yesterday, dismissed the appeal of Mr. J. E. Tonkiss, the secretary of the Birmingham Referees' Association, against a decision of the Emergency Committee of the Birmingham County F.A. removing him from any part in football management under the control of the F.A.

THE COMMISSION CONSISTED OF MR. C. E. SUTCLIFFE, MR. H. J. HUBAND AND MR. A. BROOK HIRST. MR. S. F. ROUS (SECRETARY OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION) ALSO ATTENDED. THEY HEARD MR. TONKISS, MR. E. A. EDEN, SECRETARY OF THE BIRMINGHAM COUNTY F.A., AND MR. W. W. HART, PRESIDENT OF THE BIRMINGHAM COUNTY F.A., AND ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION AFTER SITTING FOR AN HOUR.

It is understood that the trouble between Mr. Tonkiss and the Birmingham County F.A. arose over a dispute regarding the allocation of Cup Final tickets to referees. Mr. Sutcliffe, in a statement afterwards, said the appeal would be dismissed, the fee forfeited, and no order made as to costs.

Immediate the decision was made known a special meeting was called of members of the Birmingham Referees' Association, after which Mr. R. Jackson, chairman, made the following statement:

BAD IMPRESSION

"We are naturally disappointed. In view of the fact that the F. A. asked both the County F. A. and Referees' Association to bring witnesses, and asked Mr. Tonkiss to submit the names of his witnesses, and then they were not called, a bad impression has been left in our minds.

"The referees will have to take some action because the position from our standpoint is most unsatisfactory. When one realises that Mr. Tonkiss has given his life to football and that the most serious indictable offence can only be met with the same punishment, we feel that he has been too severely treated for what was, at the most, a little indiscretion.

MASS MEETING

"A resolution will go forward to the County F. A. that the suspension be removed forthwith. Mr. Tonkiss has been instructed to consult a solicitor as to the validity or otherwise of the decision.

"A mass meeting of the referees will be called in order to lay the whole facts in front of them and decide on the course of action. No matter what happens, Mr. Tonkiss will continue to act as our honorary secretary."

When Mr. Sutcliffe issued his statement after the Commission rose, he explained that Mr. Tonkiss, Mr. Hart and Mr. Eden were the only people heard, as it was only necessary to hear them on the grounds of the appeal. The Referees' Association, according to Mr. Jackson, thought otherwise.

It is understood that resolutions put forward in connection with the affair will come up at the next meeting of the Council of the Birmingham County F. A. on May 6.

61-YEAR-OLD TURF MARK SHATTERED

William Of Valence Victory In City And Suburban

BIGGEST WEIGHT EVER CARRIED

(By HOTSPUR)

London, April 22.

Seldom has a horse shown as much improvement from the age of four years to five as William of Valence, who won his third race in succession when he scored an easy victory in the City and Suburban Handicap at Epsom yesterday.

The manner of his success stamped him as one of the best middle-distance handicappers for many years. With the exception of Lovely Rosa he was last for three furlongs, but came down the hill at such a pace that he was fourth behind Pigskin, Reward and Hallands at Tattenham Corner.

In no way distressed at being called upon for this sudden burst of speed—and there were many people who argued before the race that he could not gallop downhill—William of Valence sailed majestically into the lead more than a quarter of a mile from the winning post and the race was over.

"WILLIAM"

Rippon Tor, who was third in the corresponding event 12 months ago, and Edgehill had a good tussle for second place, the former beating Lord Rosebery's colt by a head, three lengths behind "William," as the winner is affectionately known by everybody connected with Herbert Smyth's stable.

No horse has ever before carried 9st 6lb to victory in this popular handicap. The previous record is 61 years old, Thunder winning under 9st 4lb in 1876.

ON DONOGHUE'S ADVICE

Mr. Arthur Sainsbury purchased the French-bred William of Valence on the advice, I believe, of Steve Donoghue, for 4,000 guineas shortly before he was narrowly beaten in the Grand Prix two years ago, a race which Donoghue still thinks he won.

William of Valence ran in the Cambridgeshire later that season without success, and last year won the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood and dead-heated with Lone Orb in a minor race at York in October.

He was then trained by Persse, but a change of stables obviously has done him good, as he is now a better horse by two stones than he was a year ago. Herbert Smyth considers he is the best animal he has ever trained.

LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON

The following are the complete fixtures for the Dunlop Mixed Doubles League, and the "A", "B", "C," and "D" Divisions of the Lawn Tennis League:

"A" Division

Played On Tuesday

Home		Away
June 1st		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
K.C.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
June 8th		
C.R.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	H.K.C..C
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
June 15th		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	S.C.A A.
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	C.D R.
June 22nd		
K.C.C.	*v.*	HK.U.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
June 29th		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
July 6th		
Home		**Away**
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
July 13th		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	K.C.C.

"B" Division

Played On Wednesday

June 2nd		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
C.S.C.C.	v.	K.C.C.
June 16th		
C.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
June 23rd		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
C.R.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
June 30th		
K.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	C.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
July 7th		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
C.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
July 14th		
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	C.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
July 21st		
H.K.U.T.C.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	K.C.C.
July 28th		
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	H.K.U.T.C.
H.K.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
August 4th		
C.R.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	H.K.C.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.

Dr. Laing, above, is doing splendid work at the Victoria Recreation Club in coaching the younger members in swimming.

"C" Division

Played On Thursday

Home		Away
June 3rd		
A.T.C.	*v.*	C.R.C. (1)
K.T.G.C.A.	*v.*	C.R.C. (2)
I.R.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
R.S.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
June 10th		
C.R.C. (2)	*v.*	A.T.C.
R.S.C.	*v.*	C.R.C. (1)
C.C.C.	*v.*	K.T.G.C.A.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	I.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
June 17th		
A.T.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.R.C. (1)	*v.*	C.R.C. (2)
K.T.G.C.A.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
I.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	R.S.C.
June 24th		
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	A.T.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C. (1)
C.R.C. (2)	*v.*	R.S.C.
K.C.C.	v.	K.T.G.C.A.
C.D.R.	*v.*	I.R.C.
July 8th		
A.T.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.R.C. (1)	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
C.R.C. (2)	*v.*	C.C.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	*v.*	C.D.R.
R.S.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
July 15th		
C.D.R.	*v.*	A.T.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C. (1)
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	C.R.C. (2)
R.S.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	K.T.G.C.A.
July 22nd		
A.T.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
C.R.C. (1)	*v.*	C.D.R.
C.R.C. (2)	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
K.T.C.C.A.	*v.*	R.S.C.
July 29th		
K.T.G.C.A.	*v.*	A.T.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	C.R.C. (1)
C.D.R.	*v.*	C.R.C. (2)
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
S.C.A.A	*v.*	R.S.C.
August 5th		
Home		**Away**
A.T.C.	*v.*	R.S.C.
C.R.C. (1)	*v.*	R.T.G.C.A.
C.R.C. (2)	*v.*	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	K.C.C.

"D" Division

Played On Friday

June 4th		
A.T.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
P.R.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
I.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	C.B.A.
June 11th		
C.C.C.	*v.*	A.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	P.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
C.B.A.	*v.*	I.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.

VON CRAMM LOSES TO AN UNKNOWN

THREE SETS TO ONE IN BERLIN

DOMESTIC "ROW" TO BLAME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The first case of giant killing in the tennis world this season occurred yesterday when the German ace and generally accepted successor to Fred Perry, Baron Gottfried von Cramm, fell a victim to a comparatively unknown player.

The unknown was Cejnar, of Czecho-Slovakia, and the match was one of the earlier rounds of the Berlin Tournament, of which Baron von Cramm was regarded the certain winner.

The scores in the Czech player's favour were 8-6, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Von Cramm was below form and was erratic at times.

A tennis critic puts his defeat down to psychological reasons. Baron von Cramm, he says, has only just parted from his wife and the divorce case will be heard in a few weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

June 18th		
Home		**Away**
A.T.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
C.R.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
P.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	C.B.A.
I.R.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
June 25th		
K.C.C.	*v.*	A.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	C.R.C.
C.B.A.	*v.*	P.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
July 2nd		
A.T.C.	*v.*	C.B.A.
C.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
P.R.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
July 9th		
C.D.R.	*v.*	A.T.C.
C.B.A	*v.*	C.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	P.R.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
July 16th		
A.T.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	C.D.R.
C.C.C.	*v.*	C.B.A.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	K.C.C.
P.R.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
July 23rd		
I.R.C.	*v.*	A.T.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
C.D.R.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.B.A.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	P.R.C.
July 30th		
A.T.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	C.D.R.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.B.A.
August 6th		
P.R.C.	*v.*	A.T.C.
K.I.T.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
I.R.C.	*v.*	C.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	*v.*	S.C.A.A.
C.D.R.	*v.*	K.C.C.
August 13th		
C.R.C.	*v.*	P.R.C.
C.C.C.	*v.*	K.I.T.C.
S.C.A.A.	*v.*	I.R.C.
K.C.C.	*v.*	C.S.C.C.
C.B.A.	*v.*	C.D.R.

A. V. Gosano, above, the popular Recreio footballer, has now taken to lawn bowls and is making splendid progress at the game.

DERBY DEFEATS ESSEX

County Cricket In Two-Day Games

WORCESTER WINS

London, To-day.

Two of the County Championship cricket matches started on Saturday were ended in two days, Worcester beating Warwick and Derby, the Champions, scoring a narrow win over Essex.

The wickets are still favouring the bowler and yesterday's scores were all on the low side.

Worcester beat Warwick by 113 runs in a low-scoring match. The only individual performance of note was that of Hollies, the Warwick bowler, who took 6 wickets for 92 runs in Worcester's second innings.

CLOSE GAME

Derby had a close match with Essex, for whom P. Smith, who was one of the mainstays of the bowling last year with 76 wickets to his credit, took 11 wickets in the match for only 121 runs.

Derby won by 74 runs, Essex failing in their second innings before the spin bowling of Townsend.

Scores:

At Birmingham, Worcester beat Warwick by 113 runs. Worcester 161 and 208 (Hollies 6 for 92); Warwick 169 and 87.

At Chelmsford, Derby beat Essex by 74 runs. Derby 234 (P. Smith 5 for 86) and 86 (P. Smith 6 for 35); Essex 122 and 124 (Townsend 5 for 49).—Reuter.

Mixed Doubles League

Played On Monday

Home		Away
May 31st		
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	C.R.C.
K.C.C. (1)	*v.*	K.C.C. (2)
June 7th		
K.C.C. (1)	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C. (2)
June 14th		
K.C.C. (2)	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
C.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C. (1)
June 21st		
C.R.C.	*v.*	U.S.R.C.
K.C.C. (2)	*v.*	K.C.C. (1)
June 28th		
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C. (1)
K.C.C. (2)	*v.*	C.R.C.
July 5th		
U.S.R.C.	*v.*	K.C.C. (2)
K.C.C. (1)	*v.*	C.R.C.

R. A. F. SERVING OFFICERS GOLF TITLE

F. O. Neal Secures Two Titles

London, April 23.

Flying Officer J. H. Neal, holder of the R.A.F. Open title and a former Hertfordshire amateur champion, won the Royal Air Force Serving Officers' Championship at Sunningdale yesterday. He beat Flt.-Lt. W. F. Pharazyn, a former Cambridge captain, in the 36-hole final by 10 and 8, after being seven up at the end of the first round.

Neal also won the 18-hole scratch prize of the R.A.F. Golfing Association with 79. Wing Cmdr. A. H. Wann (10), won the first division handicap award with 75, while Pilot Officer Skinner (16) was the winner of the second division prize with 75 after a tie.

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF H. G. N. LEE

SCOTS CHAMPION'S VICTORY

BRUGNON LOSES TO R. J. RITCHIE

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, April 22.

SERIOUSLY delayed by Tuesday's rain, the Brighton meeting had to impose double shifts for competitors yesterday, and this pressure, which could not ensure equal strain, brought its surprises.

One of them was the defeat of H. G. N. Lee, the hero of the inter-county final on the same ground last week-end, by Donald Macphail, champion of Scotland. It was Lee's second match before lunch, and since he had only extracted himself from the first — against Partridge, the Sussex county player — after a touch-and-go struggle of 36 games, he was ripe for extension by the nimble-footed Scot.

Yet Lee did not surrender until he had struck many manful forehand drives and hit many awkward places on the court. Macphail has a habit of alternating brilliant phases with erratic interludes, but to-day, after losing the first set and taking the second while Lee was searching for breath, he played sterling tennis in the final set.

A 4—2 lead earned by rhythmic driving and some neat drop shots gave him confidence to resist his opponent's fine effort at recovery, and in the last two games he was playing a man who had had enough tennis for the day.

R. J. RITCHIE'S TRIUMPH

The win got up later and Brugnon, missing the warmth of Morocco, from which he had just returned, failed to parry a forcing attack by R. J. Ritchie, whom I have seldom seen give such a dashing display. The Frenchman led all through the second set and saved three match balls gallantly in the 12th game, though one of them was a "net corder."

Deprived of his prey here, Ritchie might have shown his disappointment, but after pulling back Brugnon from 7—6 he broke through the enemy's service and moved in splendidly to a volleying victory in the next game.

KHO SIN-KIE WINS

The other invaders had lighter tasks. Kho Sin Kie, fresh from the Athens tournament, beat Shaffi with the loss of only four games, and is now due to meet Boussus. Stedman played his fellow New Zealander, Denis Coombe, and proved that the European game, to which Coombe is new, needs more mobility than the younger player can at present supply.

EPSOM DOWNS BREACH BY GIPSIES

"COMMERCIALISED" SAYS SOLICITOR

London, April 23.

THE legitimate interests of showmen who go to Epsom Downs to earn their livelihood were stated at Epsom Police Court, Surrey, yesterday to be fully protected under the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulations Act, 1936.

Mr. P. E. Whiteoak-Cooper, for the Epsom and Walton Downs Conservators, made this statement during the hearing of summonses against a number of gipsies for driving and placing caravans on the Downs without authority.

Mr. Whiteoak-Cooper also stated that by-laws had been made under the authority of the act and confirmed by the Minister of Health. That was done after opportunity had been given for objections and representations, and "with the contents of a letter from a certain lady before him."

The by-laws came into operation on April 12 and the longest possible notice was given. Under the act all common rights were extinguished.

BICYCLES BANNED

The chairman, Mr. Tudor Rees, said that according to the by-laws which prohibited any vehicle being driven on the downs without lawful authority, it would appear to be an offence to ride a bicycle over the Downs.

Mr. Whiteoak-Cooper: Probably it would, but I would not like to argue it.

Mr. Tudor Rees: There does not seem any doubt about it. A perambulator is a vehicle. Would it be an offence to push a perambulator over the Downs?

Mr. Whiteoak-Cooper: You are putting propositions to me which have not been considered.

Mr. W. H. Chitty, who appeared for the defendants, all of whom except one pleaded guilty, said that Mr. Whiteoak-Cooper's speech was apparently propaganda for an act about which the promoters were already beginning to feel so uneasy.

RIGHTS CENTURIES OLD

Rights and privileges which had been exercised on the Downs went back centuries before the Epsom Grandstand Association or the promoters of the bill were heard of. He submitted that the word "regulation" in the act meant that discretion should be used and that the Conservators should not refuse to give van dwellers any accommodation or privileges.

The Conservators had not advertised the fact sufficiently that people were to be debarred from using the Downs as they had been used for centuries past. The rights of the public on Epsom Downs were now commercialised.

Mr. Tudor Rees remarked that as a result of those proceedings van dwellers would know precisely what their rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities were. The defendants who had pleaded guilty would be discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act on payment of 4s costs each.

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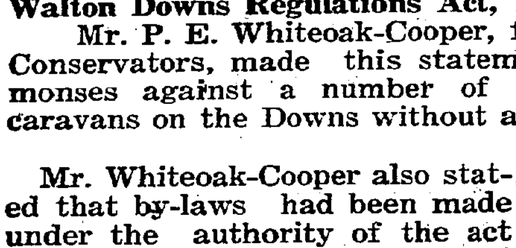

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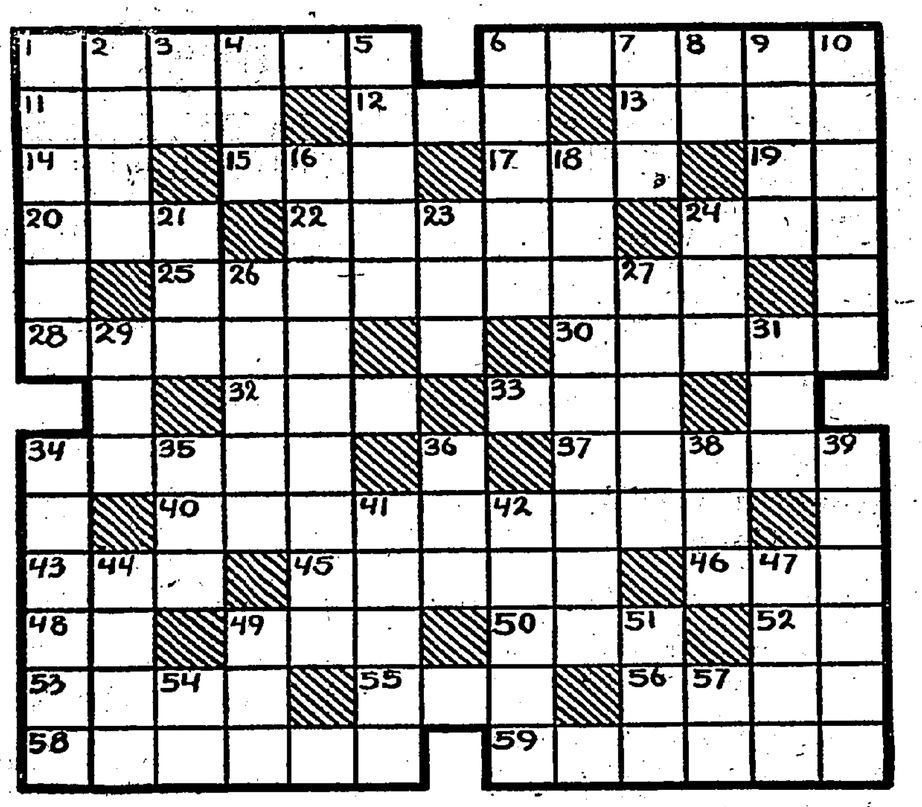


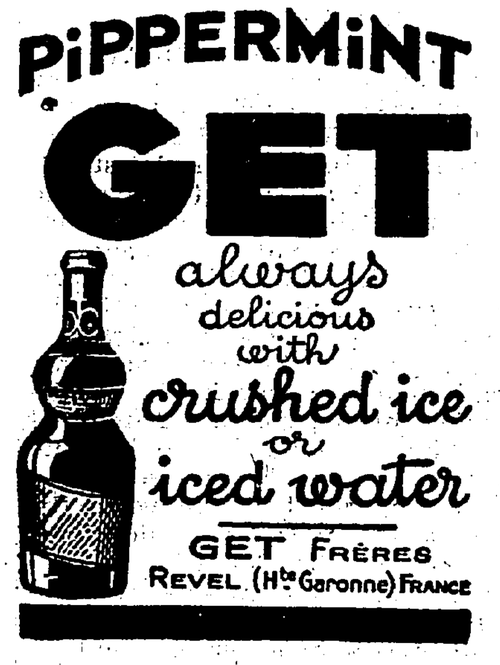
HORIZONTAL
1–Craves
6–Antics
11–Shower
12–Sailor
13–Large lake
14–And (Lat.)
15–Female deer
17–Greek letter
19–S. E. State of United States (abbr.)
20–A letter
22–Scarcer
24–Grow old
25–One who works with enamel
28–Glistening brightness
30–A relative
32–Incite
33–Command
34–Self esteem
37–Canvas shelters
40–A drug from the parsley family
43–Enclosure
45–Compact

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
46–American poet
48–Father
49–A marsh
50–A serpent
52–Five hundred fifty
53–Feminine suffix (Fr.)
55–June bug
56–To render muddy
58–Repulses
59–Part of a ship (pl.)

VERTICAL
1–Crawls
2–A grain (pl.)
3–Six
4–Terminate
5–Hot vapor
6–Angler's basket
7–A vegetable
8–Comparative suffix
9–Resound

VERTICAL (Cont.)
10–Withdraw from union
16–An orange drink
18–Triads
21–Look
23–Crimson
24–Corroded
26–Wants
27–Took the part of
29–Pronoun
31–Feline
34–A condiment
35–Man's name
36–Fowl
38–Doze
39–Forms words out of letters
41–Wards off
42–Russian title (pl.)
44–Relieve
47–Norse god of war
49–A gratuity
51–Prefix. Before
54–A country of Europe (abbr.)
57–Conjunction

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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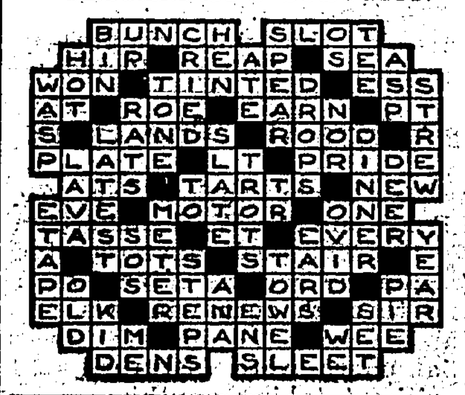

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11 Blackwood Teapoys
12 Blackwood Centre Table
13 Gateleg Dining Table
14 Teakwood Sideboard
15 Large Office Desk
16 Small Writing Desk
17 Blackwood Writing Desk
18 Small Cabinet Victrola
19 Table Model Gramophone
20 Various China Vases
21 Pair Blue Ginger Jars
22 Blackwood Service Tray
23 Large Bronze Figure
24 21-piece Tea Service
25 12 Cup Coffee Set
26 Large Cut Glass Dish
27 Cut Crystal Fruit Bowl
28 Set Fruit Knives and Forks
29 Furnished Doll's House
30 Ladies' Dressing Table
31 Teakwood Dresser
32 Small Teak Wardrobe
33 Large Mirror in Frame
34 Two Chesterfield Chairs
35 Double Bed Box Spring
36 Large Wardrobe Trunk
37 Hermes Portable Typewriter
38 RCA Radio-Gramophone
39 Pair Leaded-glass Doors
40 Various Wall Pictures
41 Chinese Presentation Scroll
42 Quantity Old Gramophone Records
43 Blue Glass Fruit Dish
44 Pair Blue and White Vases
45 Small Teak Ice Box
46 Small Chest of Drawers
47 Large Chest of Drawers
48 Large Wall Mirror
49 Pair Teak Fern Stands
50 Small Teak Book Rack
51 Pair Coloured Wall Plates
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ECONOMIC TALKS IN PARIS

PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

TRADE RECOVERY CAUTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Representatives of thirty nations gathered in the Senate building here yesterday when the International Parliamentary and Economic Conference held its first session.

President Albert Lebrun was present at the opening ceremonies.

In his inaugural address to the Conference, the French Minister for Commerce, M. Paul Bastid, declared that the revival of industry and trade throughout the world had made progress but that in many countries this revival was of an artificial nature and was brought about by heavy armaments programmes.

DECISIVE FACTORS

"Psychological questions play a greater role than formerly," he stated, "and public opinion has become a decisive factor in economic revival, since the belief prevails that everything gained too quickly can be easily lost."

The disturbing factor, he continued, was the unfavourable balance between the rapid increase in production in many countries and the slow revival of foreign trade.

"It is obvious," he declared, "that national forces which were responsible for economic revival in many countries have now lost their impetus, and the development of international trade is necessary if the favourable trend is to continue and prosperity to gain a permanent foundation."—Trans-Ocean.

TURCO RUMANIAN CONVERSATIONS

King Carol Lunches With Delegates

Bucharest, To-day.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Rushdi Aras, who has been conferring with the Rumanian Premier, M. George Tatarescu, and the Foreign Minister, M. Victor Antonescu, was yesterday entertained at luncheon by King Carol.

Among the topics of discussion were Turkish-Rumanian relations and the relations of both countries with Bulgaria and Yugo-Slavia following conclusion of the Yugo-Slav-Bulgarian and Yugo-Slav-Italian agreements.

It is declared that an economic pact between Turkey and Rumania will probably result from Dr. Aras' visit.

Dr. Aras left yesterday evening for Vienna, where his wife is undergoing medical treatment, and from there he will proceed to Geneva for the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations.—Trans-Ocean.

SORDID STORY AT SESSIONS

Malicious Wounding Charge

MUTILATION AT HOTEL

Mutilating himself in the most horrible manner in his efforts to commit suicide, a Chinese named Ho Kim-hung, changed with unlawfully and maliciously wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm or alternatively with unlawfully and maliciously wounding a Chinese female named Pun Wai-fong, pleaded not guilty before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. He pleaded that he intended to commit suicide and after he had inflicted injuries on himself he lost his senses and was not aware of having attacked the woman.

Mr. E. H. Williams outlining the case for the Crown, said that defendant was dismissed from his position in a medicine shop last year. Complainant had been in the Colony for over a year and was a waitress in a teashop when she first met defendant. When the teahouse closed, she became a prostitute but still maintained her friendly relations, with defendant, whom she had agreed to marry.

SLASHED HER THROAT

On February 13 defendant sent a message to complainant at her residence at Hollywood Road and she went to his house in Sai street. There she was told to have no guests that night as he desired her company. Defendant engaged a room at Tai Law Sin Boarding House and waited there until the arrival of the girl at midnight.

At 7 o'clock the next morning, complainant was awakened by the slashing of her throat. Defendant would not let her leave the bed and she saw him mutilate himself.

She rang the bell and when the room-boys arrived, she told them to telephone the Police.

Defendant maintained strenuously that he had at no time, any intention of ever harming complainant and stood by his story that he had wounded her after inflicting injuries on himself and that he had no knowledge of having done so.

"If I wanted to kill her" he said, "I could easily have done so and then run away."

Evidence was called and the case is proceeding.

NEW MAYOR OF SHANGHAI

Gen. Chien Ta-chun Expected To Be Appointed

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chinese newspapers predict that General Chien Ta-chun, Chiang Kai-shek's chief A.D.C., will be appointed Mayor of Shanghai in succession to Mr. Wu Te-chen.

This is the most important Mayor post in China.—Reuter.

Burglars On The Peak

Mr. D. Kelvin Stark of No. 170, The Peak, and Mr. W. G. Robertson of No 173, The Peak, have reported that unknown persons entered their houses through open windows early this morning but in both cases the intruders were disturbed and left without taking anything.

Busy Time For King And Queen

London, To-day.

The King and Queen, who received a great welcome from a crowd of several thousands at Windsor yesterday when they attended morning service at St. George's Chapel, will face another strenuous programme of public engagements when they return to Buckingham Palace to-day.

On Wednesday, they will drive in State to the Guildhall to be the guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at luncheon.

Later Their Majesties will leave for Portsmouth where after a civic reception they will embark on the Royal Yacht, Victoria and Albert.

On Thursday, the King reviews his Fleet. Visitors in large numbers have already arrived in Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight and the shores and heights were crowded yesterday with sightseers viewing the assembled warships and watching latecomers among the visiting foreign ships taking their position in line. The King will also spend most of Friday with the Fleet and then Their Majesties will return by train to London.—British Wireless.

CANNOT BREAK BLOCKADE

Spanish Cruiser Will Not Be At Review

London, To-day.

The Spainish Government cruiser Lisea, which was to have represented the Valencia Government at the Coronation naval review off Spithead, will not be able to participate.

The reason, according to a semi-official report from Valencia yesterday, is that the cruiser cannot break through the insurgent blockade in the Straits of Gibraltar.

The other foreign warships have all arrived and are at anchor in Portsmouth harbour.—Trans-Ocean.

Morphine Pills Case

Before His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Yuen Tang, 38, unemployed, was charged with being in possession of 600 ounces of pink mass and 12,731 pills, both being admixtures and containing more than one-fifth part of one per cent. of morphine.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown and the following jury was empanelled:—

H. G. Cooper (Foreman), Harold Chan, A. J. Raptis, Kenneth Chan, H. F. Stoneham, G. Man Hon Lau, and George Lan.

The case is proceeding.

Four Knocked Down By Lorry

Wong Kam-ning, of No. 2 Smithfield, has reported that while driving a lorry in Queen Victoria Street yesterday it skidded, collided with a motor car and knocked down three women, Wong Hung, Fan Sing-mau and Hung Hau-mau, and a male Leung Ngau-kwai. All were admitted to the G.C.H. suffering form injuries but only Hung Hau-mau was detained.

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YANKEES NOSED OUT

Lose In Third Clash With Athletics

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of yesterday's baseball matches:—

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Chicago	5	6	3
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	2	10	1
Philadelphia	3	10	2
Boston	3	7	2
Washington	4	9	0

Simmons hit a homer.

—Reuter.

Fatal Axe Attack

Long Shui-lan of No. 377, Shanghai Street, died early this morning from injuries received when he was attacked with an axe yesterday afternoon. It is understood that his alleged assailant has been taken into custody.

Mrs. M. Turnbull, of No. 266, The Peak has reported that her dog bit her amah on Sunday. The amah was treated at the Kowloon Hospital while the dog and another were sent to Kennedy Town for observation.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" was due to leave Shanghai to-day at 2.00 p.m. and at Hong Kong on Thursday at 1.00 p.m. she leaves (for Manila) on Thursday midnight.

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